

The flu hits hard this season

Compiled by John Crisafulli
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

You may have noticed a number of empty seats in your classes this week. Better yet, you may have even had a few classes cancelled. Well, if you have not already heard, the flu has made its temporary home at Bryant University and it is taking over the neighborhood.

With over a hundred students and numerous faculty members affected, it is important to know how to protect yourself and others from getting sick. Health Services released the following information in a mass e-mail earlier this week.

Influenza viruses are spread when a person who has the flu coughs, sneezes, or speaks and spreads virus into the air and other people inhale the virus. When these viruses enter the nose, throat, or lungs of another person, they begin to multiply, causing symptoms of the flu. The viruses can also be spread when a person touches a surface with flu viruses on it (for example, a door handle) and then touches his or her nose or mouth.

A person who is sick with the flu can spread the virus and is contagious from one day before developing symptoms to up to seven days after getting sick. Children can be contagious for longer than seven days.

- Don't know if you have the flu? Common symptoms include:
- * Fever (usually high),
 - * Extreme tiredness
 - * Sore throat
 - * Muscle aches
 - * Gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea are much more common among children than adults
 - * Headache
 - * Dry cough
 - * Runny or stuffy nose

Health Services suggests the following ways to stay healthy during the flu season:

- * Avoid poorly ventilated areas
- * Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- * Wash hands often
- * Keep hands away from eyes, nose, and mouth
- * Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- * Cough and/or sneeze into your elbow, not your hand
- * Avoid tobacco smoke
- * Avoid alcohol
- * Sleep 7-8 hours each night
- * Eat well-balanced diet
- * Seek medical attention if you become ill

If you have symptoms of the flu, call Health Services at 232-6220 to schedule an appointment. Health Services also has flu vaccine available for \$10 for those who would like to receive the vaccine.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/flu or contact Health Services.



Courtesy of MCT Campus

Influenza (say: in-FLOO-en-zah) is also called the flu. It's an infection that causes fever, chills, cough, body aches, headaches and sometimes earaches or sinus problems.

IS IT THE COLD OR THE FLU?		
SYMPTOMS	COLD	FLU
Fever	Rare, low grade	Usually present high 102-104
Aches	Slight	Usual often severe
Tiredness	Mild	Moderate to severe
Sudden Symptoms	Gradual	Appear within hours
Coughing	Hacking productive	Dry unproductive
Sneezing	Common	Uncommon
Stuffy nose	Common	Uncommon
Sore throat	Common	Uncommon
Chest discomfort	Mild	Often Severe
Headache	Mild	Common moderate

Love making or breaking?

By Maddie Archembeault
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day: where does the candy-giving, red and pink filled, love-making-or-breaking holiday come from? Most people, single or not, stress about February 14 more than any other holiday. It began as a day for Romans to become more fertile and find a lover, continued as a tribute to a Saint Valentine, and changed to represent love and appreciation for one's significant other in many countries. Despite the transformation, this day has continued to be a dedication to courtship, love, and marriage.

This holiday began in ancient Rome when founders of the city, Romulus and Remus, and gods Faunus and Lupercus, were celebrated on February 15th during the festival of Lupercalia each year. Romans would travel to a cave and here they practiced traditions in a different way than we do now. Priests lashed women with strips of animal hide to increase their fertility and these women also received a gift in the name of Juno, a protective goddess of females. Men, on the other hand, entered a lottery to

draw the names of the teenage girls that would be their sexual partners for the year. The tradition continued to commemorate a priest in Rome.

Valentine's Day was strengthened under a cruel emperor, Claudius II of Rome, who needed soldiers for his endless bloody campaigns and battles. In order to get men to join he cancelled all marriages and engagements in the city. During this time Saint Valentine was a priest who secretly married couples. When the Emperor found out he condemned Valentine to be beaten to death and have his head cut off. This happened on February 14th, 269 B.C.E. It is said that he left a note for his lover in jail, the jailer's blind daughter, and signed it "From your Valentine;" an act that miraculously cured her from blindness. This sending of Valentines is one of the few traditions that have lasted through the centuries. Lupercalia and this festival merged to form Saint Valentines Day and since then has been adopted by many cultures.

Valentines Day is celebrated around the world: in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, and Australia, to name a few. Each place has unique traditions, all of which are

dedicated to finding love. In Great Britain women used to write their lovers' names on paper, put them in clay balls that they would drop in water, and whichever name floated up first would be their future husband. In Italy it is customary to get engaged on Valentine's Day. In Australia people celebrate more than anywhere else. It began during the Gold Rush; people became rich and were able to purchase extravagant gifts and this has continued, with more participation and enjoyment than in the rest of the world. Australians use the festival as a chance to strengthen bonds with family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors with acts of kindness. Recently in the United States people have started giving gifts to their pets to express love. In addition to other rituals, Saint Valentine's idea of sending a love note has continued in all countries to express love.



So, This Valentine's Day, take the time to make someone feel special. Think of the history behind modern traditions or the Australians that spend fortunes on their spouses to celebrate. Anyone can find joy in Valentine's Day whether it is a handwritten love letter, some candy for a co-worker, or a Scooby Doo valentine for a neighbor; keep the tradition going by letting someone know you care!

Happy Valentines Day From SPB and The Archway

To Meredith
Thank you for being
my inspriation
Love Trev

To Shannon
To my favorite creep,
Happy Valentines
Day
From David

To Ron
Happy Valentine's
Day!
Love Kati

To Nick
Sorry, but I think we
should see other peo-
ple.
From Jay

To Kaitlyn
Happy Valentines
Day
From your Secret
Admirer

To Jodi
Happy Valentines
Day
Love Jon

To Paulette
Happy Valentine's
Day, 1-4-3
Bob

To Courtney
Happy Valentine's
Day
From Adriana

To Jaime
Happy Valentine's
Day Hun!! You're the
best!
I love you, Bryan

To Roger
Would that make
you love me??!
From Todd

To Kerri
Just because seeing
you three times a
week isn't enough
From ACG

To Jeff
Happy Valentines
Day!! I love you.
From Christen

To Lori
Now and forever, I
love you
From Trev

To Alicia
Hope. Dream. Believe.
I'll always lov ya
and I am always
here. Happy Valen-
tine's Day Baby-
cakes!

To Daniela
I'll keep ya warm like
wool on a sheep
From Joe doe

To Katie
We are, We are, We
are the luckiest :)
From Cliff

To Kristen
Happy Valentine's
Day ! Love You!!!
From Joe

To Kim
Happy Valentine's
Day!
From Your Secret
Admirer

To Kris
I Love u
From Hirshorn

To Bryan
Happy Valentine's
Day! I love you!
From Jaime

To Kortnee
Happy Valentine's
Day. Have a great
day sweetheart.
From Aaron

To Meg
Only 8 more late
nights left before
summer break
Love Your Wednes-
day Night Crew

To Laura
Happy Valentine's
Day sweetheart! Have
a great day!
From Aaron

To Chris
Roomie, I am going
to miss you soo
much next year. Luv
ya!
From Jenny

To Melissa
Happy Valentine's
Day sweetheart!
Hopefully I'll talk to
you soon...It's
killing me
From Aaron

To Melody
Happy Valentine's
Day! I love you. Have
a great day. XOXO
From Aaron

To Aimee
Happy Valentine's
Day Boolacious. I love
you.
From Normand

To The Synchronized
Skating Team
Congratulations on
your successful 2nd
year!
From Barb

To Alyssa
Happy Valentine's
Day Boo... haha I
know you are not
mad at me
From Jen

To Meredith
All my friends say, I
started shooting dou-
bles when you
walked in
From Luke Bryan

To Lauren
I can't wait to room
with you next year.
Happy Valentine's
Day!
From Jenifer

To Dave
Ready, 1-2-3...
AHHH...SUPRISE!
Happy V-Day Mr.
President
From
Sgeorgan1..soon

To Candace
Roses are red, violets
are blue, you're an
awesome ref and it's
cool
From Tony

To Margaret
Happy Valnetine's
Day! I think you're
beautiful!
From Anonymous

To Julie, Regina,
Michelle, Alicia and
Jilian
A little something to
brighten your day!
Happy Valentine's
Day!
From Aaron

Saudi Arabia, where's the love?

One Saudi Arabian tradition bans the sale of scarlett colored Valentine's Day gifts

By Celeste Tennant
Assistant Campus News Editor

Valentine's Day comes each year, giving couples and hopeful romantics the opportunity to show their love through cultural staples like a bouquet of roses or a heart shaped box filled with chocolate. These typical Valentine's favorites aren't welcome everywhere else in the world however. In Saudi Arabia, religious police have banned the sale of scarlet colored Valentine's gifts. This is an annual occurrence in the conservative nation. The ban goes as far as to restrict the sale of roses.

So why are the religious police of Saudi Arabia so against the multi-national holiday with the purpose of celebrating love? The explanation is simple re-

ally- the Valentine's celebration promotes male and female relations out of wedlock, which is un-Islamic and punishable by law. Back in 2004, Al- Riyadh newspaper reported that Muslims should shun the pagan Valentine's Day holiday. "It is a pagan Christian holiday and Muslims who believe in God and judgment day should not celebrate or acknowledge it or congratulate [people on it]. It is a duty to shun it to avoid God's anger and punishment," said an edict issued by the fatwa committee.

As reported by BBC World News the ban has caused the black market value of roses to increase and many couples are spending their Valentine's Day in more liberal neighboring countries. It is apparent that not all Saudi Arabian citizens agree with the Valentine's Day ban. Nevertheless, like all other years, religious beliefs dominate the law making

process. The Saudi religious police have continued their ban without any consideration of changing values or leniency for younger generations.

"...many couples are spending their Valentine's Day in more liberal neighboring countries."

Did you know?

- In Medieval times, girls ate bizarre foods on St Valentine's Day to make them dream of their future spouse.
- In the Middle Ages, there was a belief that the first unmarried person of the opposite sex you met on the morning of St. Valentine's Day would become your spouse.
- The first Valentine gift was sent by Duke of Orleans to his wife, after he was captured in 1415.
- 73% of Valentine Day flowers are bought by men, whereas women buy only 23% of Valentine flowers.
- Around 3% of pet owners prefer to give Valentine gifts to their pets, as they are more grateful than humans!

"I was nauseous and tingly all over. I was either in love or I had smallpox!"
- Woody Allen

"An archeologist is the best husband any woman can have; the older she gets, the more interested he is in her."
- Agatha Christie

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Survivor Series: Celebrate, remember, fight back

By Brigit Clancy
Assistant Variety Editor

Please help support the fight against cancer. Relay for Life is the event in which to participate if you are interested in becoming involved with this worthy cause. Bryant University's chapter of Colleges Against Cancer hosts this fundraiser. It is one of the biggest student organized events on campus. Relay for Life is a walkathon sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Bryant's chapter of Colleges Against Cancer will be managing the entire event.

This year's Relay will take place from Friday, April 18th to Saturday, April 19th. It will be the 6th Annual Relay here at Bryant. The activities and walk a thon for Relay for Life at Bryant take place on the track surrounding the football field.

Participants will put together teams and work to raise money in the weeks before the actual Relay event. Most, if not all, of the organizations here at Bryant will walk and make strides for a cure. Teams of eight to fifteen people take turns on the track and at least one person from every team is required to walk without interruption for the duration of the walkathon.

Bryant's Relay for Life lasts about 18 hours, from 4:00 in the afternoon Friday (April 18th) to 10:00 in the morning Saturday (April 19th). Since Relay goes overnight, everyone involved is welcome to pitch tents around the track and enjoy food and entertainment that will be provided for them by Bryant's chapter of Colleges Against Cancer.

Relay for Life's goal is raising money to fund programs and increase awareness to find a cure for can-

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File pic

The activities and walk a thon for Relay for Life at Bryant take place on the track surrounding the football field.

**Thursday,
February 21
9-12pm**

**Communication Society
New Orleans Mixer**

Join us for a New Orleans celebration in South Café!!! Dress to impress, bring a friend, and let yourself go! You can dance the night away, dine on Southern style food, or join in other entertainment! Have fun and do something for others because a portion of the proceeds will be donated to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

See you there!

5 Extra Tickets

Bring this coupon for 5 extra tickets for our Benefit Raffle!

Bryant Communication Society
Each ticket gives you a better chance to win big!
commclub@bryant.edu

Degree Declaration Fair

**Wednesday, February 27th
10 am – 2 pm in the Rotunda**

Professors from each department will be available to discuss major / concentration requirements and to help complete degree declaration paperwork

Please contact Undergraduate Advising with any questions at ext. 6210 or ugadvise@bryant.edu

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 - Computer Information Systems
 - Finance
 - Financial Services
 - Marketing
 - Management
- Information Technology
- International Business
 - Computer Information Systems
 - Finance
 - Marketing
 - Management

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Bryant's Office of Development is conducting a search for qualified Bryant Student Telefund Representatives to call alumni and parents to encourage them to support Bryant by making a contribution to the Annual Fund.

Qualifications:

- Current degree seeking, full time students or graduate students.
- Good listeners with a positive attitude with an ability to overcome objections.
- Well-versed in the history of Bryant.
- A flair for marketing and communications.

Requirements:

- Individuals must be willing to work a minimum of three shifts per week. Shifts are available Sun. from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Mon-Thurs. from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. through April.

For more information, please contact Susan Detri-Souve at 401-232-6173 or sdetri@bryant.edu, or Timothy Ponden at 401-719-8978 or timothy.ponden@ruffalocody.com.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

DISORDERLY CONDUCT Disorderly Conduct
FEB 4 2008-Monday at 22:17
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: During a Super Bowl celebration a student threw a beer bottle into the crowd. The bottle hit a light post and shattered into the crowd. No injuries were reported.

LARCENY-THEFT From Buildings
FEB 4 2008-Monday at 10:06
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student reports a jewelry box missing from her room.

LARCENY-THEFT From Buildings
FEB 5 2008-Tuesday at 14:11
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student reports money missing from her room.

FIRE Violation Of RI Fire Safety Code
FEB 7 2008-Thursday at 13:37
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: Smoke detectors were found covered in a townhouse.

ACCIDENT (MVA) Motor Vehicle Accident
FEB 7 2008-Thursday at 15:13
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student reported damage to his vehicle.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered
FEB 7 2008-Thursday at 18:15

Location: UNISTRUCTURE
Summary: A report of a person with a burn on leg. EMS was activated.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered
FEB 8 2008-Friday at 00:14
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A report of a female with chest pain and difficulty breathing. EMS was activated.

ASSAULT
FEB 8 2008-Friday at 01:33
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS Officers were dispatched to investigate an assault. SPD contacted and one person arrested.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered
FEB 8 2008-Friday at 10:44
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a student passed out in girls bathroom. EMS was activated.

ASSAULT
FEB 9 2008-Saturday at 01:03
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a verbal dispute between a female and a male.

VANDALISM
FEB 9 2008-Saturday at 02:10
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a smashed window.

VANDALISM
FEB 9 2008-Saturday at 02:55
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a toilet paper dispenser vandalized.

STUDENT CONDUCT Student Conduct Violation
FEB 9 2008-Saturday at 04:35
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of an intoxicated male being disorderly.

VANDALISM (Residence)
FEB 9 2008-Saturday at 09:49
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report that an elevator has been damaged.

BIAS INCIDENTS None Reported

To report a bias incident or hate crime, go to www.bryant.edu/bias or call the Bias Incident Hotline at x6920

Bias related incident – a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person’s real or perceived race, religion, natural origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/acts, and graffiti/behavior.

Is your battery life dwindling? Survivor Series

Submitted by David Gannon

At the start of the fall semester the staff of Laptop Central began receiving a steady flow of complaints from students regarding the battery life on their Lenovo R60 model laptop. While battery life does degrade over time, particularly in a campus environment such as ours where an average user can fully drain his / her battery hundreds of times during a semester, the drop in charge capacity was well above the normal performance curve. In addition, certain students were receiving unusual errors from their laptop’s Power Management software, citing “irreparable battery damage detected” or “the battery cannot be charged.” As the number of these failures grew, we began shipping these batteries back to Lenovo for their engineers to perform a detailed analysis. While the issues we are seeing are apparently unrelated to other battery recalls that have plagued the industry lately, the root cause has yet to be determined. Over 300 student batteries have been replaced as of the date of this publication.

It is now clear that certain Sony-manufactured batteries packaged with our Lenovo R60 model laptops are failing prematurely. While laptop batteries only come with a one year warranty from the date of purchase (not distribution to students), Lenovo has been providing Bryant with replacement batteries to be issued to those affected students free of charge (students who were charged for purchasing a replacement battery at the start of the semester due to poor life have had those monies refunded).

Lenovo has agreed to replace those R60 model laptop batteries currently showing the following issues:

Batteries currently holding less than 50% of their original charge capacity
Batteries displaying errors of “irreparable battery damage,” “this battery cannot be charged,” or with an X through the battery icon on the taskbar
Batteries where the charge percentage drops suddenly to 4%, causing the machine to hibernate or power off



Courtesy of MCT Campus

Students MUST install the LANDesk client on their R60 model laptop to qualify for these free replacements. This software reports back on your battery’s health, providing Laptop Central with information relating to the battery’s manufacturer, number of cycles, and full charge capacity. The LANDesk client can be downloaded from the home page of the Laptop Central website, located at <http://laptop.bryant.edu>, and takes approximately 5 minutes to fully install. You must install the LANDesk software by Friday, February 29th to qualify for this battery replacement initiative. After February 29th, Laptop Central will be unable to continue to offer this free replacement service to our students.

Once LANDesk has been installed, Laptop Central will contact those students showing less than 50% of their original charge capacity via email to come in for replacement. Those users experiencing sudden drops in their battery’s charge percentage or with specific battery errors should not wait for an email, but should come to Laptop Central to have their battery tested. Users are also encouraged to recondition their battery, as this process resets certain hardware counters that will cause the battery to more accurately reflect its charge capacity. For instructions on how to perform a battery recondition, please visit the “General Laptop Question” section of Laptop Central’s FAQ web page. If you have any questions or concerns about this issue, please feel free to call Laptop Central at extension 6550, or contact us via email at laptopcentral@bryant.edu.

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cer. In the mid-1980s, Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon, wanted to contribute to the American Cancer Society. Klatt decided to personally raise money for the fight against cancer by running a marathon around a track, which is something he enjoyed doing. While running, Klatt thought of how others could join him and donate (money). He asked anyone that would like to participate to pay \$25 and run or walk around the track with him for the 24-hours that he was there. That first year, nearly 300 of Dr. Klatt’s friends, family, and patients watched as he ran and walked around the track while raising \$27,000 for his efforts.

All of the money raised in Relay is given to (cancer) research foundations that are dedicated to finding a cure. All donations are very much appreciated and are essential to keep up the fight. Last year’s (2007) Relay at Bryant, which had about 50 teams participating, raised over \$56,000.

Relay for Life also remembers those who have lost their fight against cancer. Everyone who participates in the event will be able to make a Luminaria with the name of a loved one who has passed away. All of the Luminarias will be lighted by a candle inside the Luminaria during the night of Relay.

Anyone can participate! Gather a group of friends and sign up to walk around the track at Relay for Life 2008. It costs only \$10 to register each person. Teams then work together to get pledges for the walkathon.

Sophomore Nicole Archambault, the Director of Relay for Life, said, “I commend anyone who is willing to participate in Relay for Life. It is such a great opportunity to help those individuals suffering with cancer. We have the power and the resources necessary to help, so we need to do just that. You can help by making a donation, walking on a team, or becoming a team captain. Anything you’re willing to do is greatly appreciated.”

Relay for Life is more than just walking around a track. It is about raising cancer awareness. Relay is about remembering those who have lost their life to cancer and celebrating those who have won the fight against it. Relay is about spreading hope across the nation to find a cure. Archambault said, “Relay for Life is all about what you make of it. At Bryant, you have the opportunity to make a difference in a fun way. So form a team and spend 18 hours with your friends on the “Track for a Cure.”

The Bryant community and its Relay for Life participants are intent on making it a success. One person, one team and in our lifetime, we can make a difference.

If you would like to take part in Relay for Life, visit www.relayforlife.org and click on the “Local Resources and Information” link on the right side of the page. Then click on the state of Rhode Island to find the Bryant Relay for Life website! Also visit the “Relay for Life 2008” group on Facebook!

Source: American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org)

This week's Spotlights

Study Abroad: Breanne Ricketts, '09

Name: Breanne Ricketts
Class of: 2009

University: Instituto San Joaquin de Flores
Location: San Joaquin de Flores, Heredia, Costa Rica
Partner: Academic Programs International
Semester Abroad: Fall 2007
Duration: one semester; 120 days

Reason for going: I have always been interested in Spanish as a second language, especially Latin American Spanish. I am also an International Business Major, which requires students to minor in a foreign language and study abroad in a different country, preferably a country whose national language is the language of choice for the student's minor.

Best experience/memory: One of my favorite memories from Costa Rica happened during my first week in the country. I went to get a few things at the local grocery store and I was looking for breakfast bars, or something to snack on. I couldn't find them anywhere and looked up and down the aisles twice before I decided that I had to ask for help... but then I saw a man with granola bars in his cart. I thought long and hard about how to ask him where to find granola bars in Spanish. I finally figured out how to say this and gained the courage to actually talk to him. I was so nervous when I went up to him and my Spanish was a little shaky, but I got my point across. He looked at me, shook his head and said "no speak Espanol... English" and I was immediately relieved so I said "oh great... neither do I". It turns out that he was American and actually spoke English! I was so relieved to find this out because he told me where to find what I was looking for. In turn, I helped him translate some things into English that he needed to know. This taught me early on not to be afraid of talking to people I met in this foreign country.

Funny cultural experience: One of the most difficult cultural differences that I had to get used to was the fact that toilet paper does not get flushed in Costa Rica because the plumbing there is so poor. Instead, toilet paper gets used and thrown into waste baskets next to the toilets; no exceptions. Besides the fact that most bathrooms smelled upon entering from this disposal of toilet paper, I clogged a lot of toilets during my first week in the country, as I had to get myself out of the habit of flushing it down the toilet.

How was the school different from Bryant University? There were only 17 American students at my school, which can barely be considered a college or university because of its size. It was the equivalent of a small school house, with large rooms both upstairs and downstairs, four smaller classrooms, and three administrative offices.

How did this experience change you? This experience changed me for the better over my four month stay in Costa Rica. It is the most interesting experience to be the minority in another country; to be laughed at, pointed at, and yelled at in a foreign language is intimidating, yet humbling at the same time. Learning to adjust to this living situation is what builds strength and character as a person. Also, the fluidity that I learned in my Spanish-speaking skills is something that I could not have gained anywhere else.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity? I would definitely study abroad again given the opportunity because it is such a unique experience. Learning about a new culture and country through an immersion process is a once in a lifetime opportunity. I would love to go back to Costa Rica again, but I would also like to spend time in other countries if possible.



Study Abroad: Chelsea Quackenbush, '09

Name: Chelsea Quackenbush
Class of: 2009

University: Paris Center for Critical Studies
Location: Paris, France
Partner: CIEE
Semester Abroad: Fall 2007
Duration: late August-mid-December

Reason for going: I have been studying French (the language) and the French culture since I was in 5th grade and have loved it since day one. It seemed only natural that I chose to study there. I've also never had a "big city" experience, which was my primary motive for going to Paris, along with the fact that I have dreamed of eating a baguette under the Eiffel Tower while an accordion played in the background by a French man named Pierre who wears a beret since as long as I can remember.

Best experience/memory: Fashion Week in Paris. I met Rachel Bilson, who stars on *The OC* as Summer Roberts. I also got a picture with her, which made all my friends back home extremely jealous.

Funny cultural experience: The language barrier was definitely the hardest part about being in France. Some words don't translate from English to French, like the word "exciting/excited." To say "I'm excited" in French has only sexual implications, and not anticipatory ones. Also, the word "full" as in "I'm done eating" can also mean "pregnant." I accidentally used both of these words in front of my host family, not knowing that they didn't translate like I had expected them to. I did manage to redeem myself after an awkward silence and jumbled French.

How was the school different from Bryant University? The school I attended was extremely small, only 80 students. It took up one floor of a building in the center of Paris. Because of where I lived, I had to take a 40 minute metro ride from my homestay to school everyday. Classes were a lot less structured and had a lot more freedom of thought/discussion as the basis of learning than I experience at Bryant.

How did this experience change you? I got to see not only the world's thought on America, but the American people as well. The French really don't hate Americans; they hate American tourists. American tourists were embarrassing. They were loud, rude, and butchered the French language in the rare case that they attempted to speak it. I also learned to be more self-confident. France was definitely not as obsessed with being fat and being on a diet and working out all the time. I felt like they just lived life instead of planning out their lives or worrying about their looks. Daily life was just so much more relaxed.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity? Absolutely. I had an amazing time experiencing different cultures and learning a different language. I would recommend this experience to anyone and everyone. It really opened my eyes to what's important in life.



CSI Student Leader: Matt Buttarro

The Center for Student Involvement would like to announce its fifth CSI Student Spotlight Award Recipient,
MATT BUTTARO

Matt is currently the Treasurer of the Student Programming Board and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the Leadership Council, and the Lead Team. Matt was selected because of his devotion to his involvements, the huge amount of time he puts into all tasks he takes on, and most importantly his optimistic and kind attitude toward everyone he comes in contact with. The CSI team has been truly impressed with Matt's ability to do everything he does quietly and positively without needing recognition, but purely because he enjoys it. Congratulations, Matt!!



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Wednesday, February 20 at 4 PM

- or -

Thursday, February 21 at 4 PM

Completed applications are due back on Wednesday, March 5. Questions? Contact Mike Thorp in the Conference Office at mithorp@bryant.edu or x6161.

Spotlight on Entrepreneurs

By Greg Golino
Staff Writer

Welcome to the first installment of an ongoing series featuring talented entrepreneurs on campus and their businesses. Take a moment to read this column and gain some useful insights on how to start your own enterprise.

This week features Evan Wallace, owner and artist behind Wallace GFX. "My company is an internet based graphics firm that specializes in making advertisements, t-shirts, logos and other graphics for clients."

Some of his former clients are fraternities, youth soccer teams, business teams on campus and other on-line businesses that need banner ads. What are some of his works that you might recognize? "Well, I did the class of 2010 logo for Bryant so I'm kind of a big deal." He kind of is.

About three years ago Evan started working with Photoshop as a hobby, then after some people saw my work online in forums and from friends, he received several requests for banner ads and website logos from other forum members and some outside businesses. More recently, he decided to take a big step and create his own website. "After designing my own website, I grew more comfortable with the software and have expanded my line of services to include web design. I'm already designing a web site for a non-profit in Pawtucket RI."

Wallace has also started offering his services to students on campus for their academic or extra-curricular pursuits. The demand for quality graphics by students became apparent when during group presentations his freshman year, he received numerous comments on the high caliber of his group's materials. "So I started taking jobs from groups on campus for a single low fee. I've done bumper stickers, flyers, logos and business cards for students on campus ever since last semester.

Where can people find your website? "It's www.wallacegfx.com and I have a FaceBook group called 'Wallace GFX Supporter'. Check it out if you need professional quality in you presentations. It's twice the quality; half the price."

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Changes in the rating game

By Joe Pelletier
Staff Writer

The current economic crisis plaguing the global marketplace has provided students with an excellent learning opportunity. The enveloping subprime mortgage collapse has afforded us the chance to study the macro effects of a mortgage market collapse.

As a finance major, it was interesting to watch Mr. Bernanke lower the federal funds rate on September 18, 2007 in response to escalating subprime pressures being exerted on the market. At the time, the lesson on Keynesian economics went hand-in-hand with the Federal Reserve's actions.

Similarly, the volatility of our stock market during the latter half of 2007 has allowed us, as students, to experiment with new and lucrative investment strategies, as well as realize the importance of hedging and derivatives. Though these practices may ultimately apply only to the most skilled and well-funded financial professionals, there are basic lessons we can all learn from the subprime mess. More specifically, I would like to address the conflict of interest between rating agencies and investment banks and the skewed logic behind CDO ratings.

For those of you who may not know, subprime refers to loans and mortgages issued to individuals with poor credit. In return, these loans carry high interest rates (to compensate for default risk), and are usually packaged with hundreds of other similarly constructed loans in a security known as a collateralized debt obligation (CDO). These securities are exceptionally lucrative to assess, as many of the loans represented in the pool have varying degrees of credit risk and debt. When in-

vestment banks began to see new revenue opportunities such as structured-finance, rating agencies quickly followed suit. Agencies were hired to rate each CDO based on an aggregate evaluation of all the loans represented, creating a new and profitable revenue stream for the industry.

In a nutshell, rating agencies such as Moody's, Standard & Poor's, and Fitch, are not paid until investment banks are able to identify a significant number of investors willing to buy into a CDO. This is what Wall Street refers to as the "issuer-pay" model. Under the issuer-pay model, it is in the best interest

Though this is a positive step forward, it still does not resolve the conflict of interest that is still present. Some opponents of the issuer-pay model support an investor-supported rating service known as – you guessed it, the "subscriber-pay" model. Under the subscriber-pay approach, investors would be able to obtain ratings and analysis of particular funds by subscribing to the information directly from rating agencies. A solution like this would eliminate the conflict of interest currently present in the issuer-pay model, but drastically reduce revenue possibilities for rating agencies. Nearly forty-

percent of Moody's earnings come from structured-finance products, making their business highly sensitive to industry and economic movement.

As future business leaders, it is necessary for us to identify such conflicts of interest and propose solutions that

do not inhibit upon the invisible hand of our economy. The marketplace loathes uncertainty, and such conflicts instigate just that. With rating agencies so invested in the business of structured finance, the issuer-pay model may remain as a permanent facet of our financial system. With the rating agencies now under the magnifying glass of Congress, more accountability has been placed upon the responsible parties. However, it is ultimately up to the investor to make the most intelligent decisions. Technical and fundamental analysis beyond the security's rating is critical to the success of any investment. Therefore, it is essential for us students to recognize the errors of today in order to better prepare for the opportunities of the marketplace tomorrow.

"...structured finance vehicles will soon include 'warning labels'..."

for rating agencies to see investors hastily purchase the CDOs from investment banks to ensure a timely payday. Unfortunately, many investors who bought tranches of high-rated subprime CDOs were subsequently burned as foreclosures and delinquencies intensified. Rating agencies argue that the issuer-pay model creates transparency in the marketplace. This may be true, but when a triple-A rated security is downgraded to triple-C overnight, the benefits of "transparency" becomes moot (Mainsail II).

Recently, many of the top rating agencies have announced plans to change their rating methodology. Specifically, structured finance vehicles will soon include "warning labels" and a new scoring procedure to better reflect the volatility and risk of mortgage-backed securities.

The Student Entrepreneur: Get the word out

By Michael Adams
Staff Writer

So, you've got that big idea a little further developed from last week. Now, you need to get your idea out into the public's eye for a very small price. How do you do that? This week I will share a couple of tips that will hopefully land you some pretty good press in local papers or even national magazines.

1.Press Releases: I wrote my first press release when I was a senior in high school. It wasn't even a page long, and I was able to land in two local papers and a popular news segment on TV. The release took all of thirty minutes to craft, and I sent it out to all local media. Another great way to get your press release out is to launch it online. A ton of people online read releases when they are looking for stories to write. There are plenty of tips on how to write press releases online.

2.Tell the Right People: A lot of people say to tell everybody about your product or service. Don't tell everyone. Tell the right people. Seek out the people that are going to help you propel your business to the next level. Tell people that will actually tell other people about your new venture. If you tell

your best friend, who loves to knit, about your new technology business, do you think she is going to spread the word to the right people? Whereas, when I told a hiking buddy about my company, she spread the word like wildfire. Notice the difference? Target the people that you know will spread the word. It's all about getting your product or service into the right hands.

3.Start a Blog: A weblog, or blog for short, is basically a platform where you can enter in entries to a database, and they display for your friends, family, and customers to see. There are multiple blog sites that you can host your blog on for free, and watch the traffic come in. Write about what your customers want to hear (again, like the example in #2). Link specific keywords back to your website, so it helps with your blogs ranking when people search for those specific terms.

Have a question on entrepreneurship? E-mail me at madams@bryant.edu and it might just show up in my column next week.

Michael Adams is the owner of Eddie's Energy Bars based in Richmond, Vermont.

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Men's Lacrosse has national aspirations

By Benjamin Rich
Staff Writer

For the past three weeks, the Bryant University men's lacrosse team has been braving the elements of a cold winter to get in all of the practice they can. The ground hasn't even had time to thaw yet but regardless of the weather, the 2008 season is upon us. Already participating in the Black and Gold scrimmage, as well as two snowy pre-season exhibition games against Wagner College and Springfield College, head coach Mike Pressler is anxious to get started. I sat down with Coach Pressler to hear his thoughts about last season, the 2008 season to come, and everything in between.

"The only thing that resembles the 2007 team is our uniforms," says Pressler, meant in the most complimentary way possible. This comment is not meant to insult members of last year's team, which included standout players such as Kevin Hoagland and Jim Long, but instead as a gratifying compliment. The team has returned, according to Pressler, much more athletic than last year, as well as more skilled.

The 2007 season is not to be overlooked, with the team posting an overall record of 11-4 and a conference record of 9-0, including playing for the conference championship and just barely missing a bid to the NCAA Division II playoffs. Bryan Kaufmann earned the Co-Player of the Year award while the solid defense of Matt Murnane earned him the award for Freshman of the Year. Being Coach Pressler's first year at Bryant, he firmly stated that the team exceeded his expectations. Although it was considered by many as a transition year, the Bulldogs wasted no time in transit and provided a rewarding and quality year.

2008's team is full of many new faces and also many old ones. The team consists of 24 freshmen, coming from all over the country. This was Pressler's first year of recruiting at Bryant, which is the reason for the large freshman class. The fresh-



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

men portion of the team is full of talent and impact players that will be sure to impress the Bryant community both this year and in years to come. But the freshmen aren't the only new addition to the team this year. The Bulldogs have also acquired two new coaches. Peter Toner is in charge of the defensive end of the game while Tom Spinella covers the offense.

So with a great season in 2007, what are the expectations for the season to follow in the next few months? Pressler assured me that he, as well as the rest of the team, has very lofty goals. Andrew Hennessey, a first year All-American face-off specialist, returns to the team this season after recovering from intensive ACL surgery which prevented him from playing last year. The goalie of the team, Mike Kennedy, is ready for an All-American season, says Pressler, and will surely prove to be a vital

aspect of the team. On the offensive end, Jim Long and Brad Burton will return this season, among others, to fuel the high-powered offensive attack. The team only lost one senior from last year, Bryan Molk, which as Pressler admitted was a big loss of leadership. However, despite that loss, the team's new captains, including Corey MacDougall, Joe Cotiletta, Kevin Hoagland and Bryan Kaufmann, will offer plenty of guidance to the team. The team as a whole has aspirations at the national level. The NCAA championship for all three divisions of men's lacrosse will take place at Gillette Stadium this spring, home to the New England Patriots. Pressler hopes to see his Bulldogs in Gillette at the end of the season competing against other top lacrosse teams in the country.

The 2008 season is the Bulldogs' last chance to make their mark in Division II due to the jump to Division I next year. Some may think this adds pressure to this season, but Coach Pressler prefers not to worry about it. "It's about now" says Pressler, keeping his sights on this season instead of looking too far into the future.

Bryant placed six men's lacrosse players on the 2008 Inside Lacrosse / Face-Off Preseason All-America team.

First Team: G - Michael Kennedy, '08.

Second Team: A - Bryan Kaufmann, '09., D - Corey MacDougall

Honorable Mention: A - Kevin Hoagland, '09, M - Jim Long, '09, D - Matt Murnane, '10

Waters Way: The Tainted American Game

By Alan Waters
Staff Writer

Wednesday could possibly go down as one of the biggest days in the history of our nation's pastime.

Baseball is currently dealing with one of the biggest scandals since the Chicago Black Sox Era. Shoeless Joe Jackson, along with seven of his teammates of the Chicago White Sox franchise were banned from baseball for

throwing (intentionally losing) games, giving the victory to the Cincinnati Reds in the 1919 World Series.

Currently Roger Clemens, along with 88 other former and current professional ballplayers have been under investigation for use of illegal performance enhancing drugs, thanks to a 409 page report made by George Mitchell which was sponsored by Major League Baseball.

The report was completed and

made on December 13, 2007. What makes Roger Clemens' case stick out more than others is the fact that he came out claiming he had never in his career used to his knowledge any performance enhancing drugs such as HGH (Human Growth Hormone) or Steroids.

The interesting fact is Brian McNamee's testimony, both to George Mitchell as well as to the Congressmen in Washington D.C. on Wednesday, that he did in fact inject Clemens as well as others while he was training these athletes. Both had two different stories and one is telling a lie, which at the end of the day is going to lead to one major factor.

Perjury!

That means one of these men has lied under oath and can face a maximum of five years in prison because of that fact. It also means one of two things that will haunt many of the baseball fans in America as well as the World.

On one hand you have a childhood hero who has been put into a situation that not only questions his character but questions whether or not he himself acquired his numerous records, numbers and accolades naturally. This could have an everlasting impact on the game of baseball and to the millions of Roger Clemens fans. This could ruin Clemens' at one time guaranteed trip to Cooperstown, New York, the Baseball Hall of Fame.

On the other hand you have Brian McNamee, who at this point is a trainer who now has admittedly contributed to the major steroid scandal and forever has tainted his name as a trainer who used unethical training methods to help improve athletes.

It is tough to tell at this point if Clemens is guilty of using the illegal drugs, many have their own opinions at this time but one thing can remain true. There have been numerous accounts against Clemens. This includes his own teammate and close friend Andy Pettitte, who has officially admitted to using steroids as a recovery method from McNamee. Pettitte also stated that he had many different conversations with Clemens about using both HGH and Steroids.

This makes it hard to believe Clemens is the only athlete that worked with McNamee and did not use drug enhancements. At this time I cannot make a definite decision in my mind whether Clemens has or has not taken them. But at the end of the day it hurts me to say that I am starting to believe a childhood hero to millions is part of tainting the game of baseball. Clemens is arguably one of the best pitchers in the history of baseball and I would hate to see all that he has done go down in shame.

At the end of the day the Mitchell Report was designed to help clear



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Mark your calendars

- Women's Swimming:
2/15/08 - New Englands
- Women's Basketball:
2/16/08 - So. Connecticut 1:30 pm
- Men's Basketball:
2/16/08 - So. Connecticut 3:30 pm
- Indoor Track:
2/23/08 -Northeast-10 Championship

Top Dogs



Courtesy of the Athletic Dept.

Siamone Bennett

Year: Freshman

Sport: Women’s Basketball

Why this dog was picked: Bennett led the women's basketball team with a career-best 23 points and 15 rebounds against American International last Saturday. The freshman was 8 for 9 shooting from the floor and made 7 of 11 free throws. Of her 15 rebounds, 10 came on the offensive end.



Courtesy of the Athletic Dept.

Cecil Gresham

Year: Sophomore

Sport: Men’s Basketball

Why this dog was picked: Gresham scored a career-high 36 points in leading the men's basketball team to an 86-73 win over Saint Anselm back on Jan. 30. Gresham made eight three's, one shy of a school record and lit up the Hawks with 22 first-half points including six treys.

Placing Patriots’ defeat in context

By David Niles
Staff Writer

Being an avid sports radio listener, over the last couple of weeks I have been able to hear many Patriots’ fans opinions about the devastating Super Bowl loss to the Giants. Although I too was disappointed about the Patriots’ inability to finish off a perfect season and win a fourth title in seven years, I was surprised at how crushed many fans were, considering the success they have experienced recently. Many compared the loss to that of the Red Sox’ loss in the 1986 World Series and the loss to the Yankees in the 2003 ALCS. They talked about how crushing it was to lose because the Red Sox were so heavily favored in this matchup, and they just didn’t expect losing was a possibility. There was a chance to make NFL history (and shut up Mercury Morris once and for all) by completing the first 19-0 season in the history of the NFL. So, I thought it only made sense to delve into the details and circumstances of each defeat and rank them in “devastatingness” in Boston’s sports history.

Decisive Play
’86 World Series- In game 6 Bill Buckner allows a routine ground ball to go through his legs and a run to score when he has a chance to seal the victory if he makes the routine play.
2003 ALCS- Aaron Boone hits a walk-off HR against Tim Wakefield to win Game 7 for the Yankees.
2008 Super Bowl- Eli Manning inexplicably is able to elude the Patriot pass-rushers and throws a pass downfield which WR David Tyree is able to catch, pinning the ball against his helmet with one hand.

Questionable coaching decision
’86 WS- Leaving Bill Buckner and his bad knees in the game to clinch the title when a defensive replacement has been used in similar situations all season long.
2003 ALCS- Grady Little leaves Pedro Martinez in the game and the Yankees mount

a comeback and erase the Red Sox lead in Game 7.
2008 SB- Bill Belichick decides to forgo a 48-yard FG opportunity and go for it on 4th and 13. The Patriots end up losing by a 3 point margin.
Argument against “Devastatingness” of Defeat
’86 WS- It was only Game 6 and the Red Sox still had another chance at a World Series Title
2003 ALCS- It was only the ALCS and the Red Sox would have had to win another series against the National League to win a title.
2008 SB- The Patriots didn’t blow the victory in the way the Red Sox blew their games. The Patriots were outplayed especially in the matchup between their offensive line and the Giants defensive line.
Scapegoat
’86WS- Buckner
2003 ALCS- Grady Little.
2008- Patriots’ Offensive Line
Biggest Regret

have been higher for the Patriots heading into the game, you got a sense from the first quarter on that the game was going to be a struggle. The expectations weren’t as high for the Sox, but as the game progressed, fans thought it was in the bag. Second, the World Series extended the dreaded curse and kept Sox fans feeling as though they had just watched their one shot at a title slip away and many wondered if they would ever get a chance to see a Red Sox title in their lifetime (and many didn’t).
Compare this to the fact that you would have to be three years old or younger to not have been alive for a Patriots’ Championship and if you are an ancient 7 years old, you have already seen 3 Super Bowl victories. In addition, even though the Patriots’ lost this season, Las Vegas has already installed New England as the odd-on favorites to win it all next year. Given their talent, coaching, cap-space and reinvigorated motivation would you doubt that a title can’t be in the cards next season?
Lastly, there is still the sense that the Patriots did accomplish something by being the first team to go 16-0 in a season. This may

“...fans also got to watch Tom Brady, Randy Moss, and the Patriots’ offense rewrite the NFL record books...”

’86WS- “The Curse” and decades of futility continue.
2003 ALCS- Losing to the Yankees (again).
2008 Super Bowl- Failing to go undefeated and knowing we will have to continue to listen to Mercury Morris (which is worse I’m not sure).
The Verdict
I would have to still rank the ’86 World Series as the most devastating defeat, followed by the Super Bowl loss and then the 003 ALCS. I rank the ALCS loss last because it was not a Championship game or Series and one cannot assume that they would have gone on to win another series if they had been able to hold off the Yankees. I place the Patriots’ defeat behind the ’86 World Series for a couple of reasons. First, it felt as though the Red Sox really blew their series with the Mets, where it was more of the Patriots being outplayed by the Giants. While the expectations may

never be done again. Although they will tell you individual accomplishments mean nothing, fans also got to watch Tom Brady, Randy Moss, and the Patriots offense rewrite the NFL record books. Losing the Super Bowl certainly diminishes these feats but I don’t think there was anything other than a bad taste left in fans’ mouths following the World Series in 1986. So while the sting from this most recent shortcoming may still seem fresh, I don’t think we will look back on it twenty years from now and believe it was as crushing a blow as the Buckner debacle. Then again, if the Patriots never return to the Super Bowl in our lifetime (as hard as this would seem to believe), then my opinion would probably be altered. For now we will just have to watch things play out and hope for the best.

Waters Way

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baseball and prove to young athletes that steroids and any other illegal performance enhancing drugs are not to be used for the advancement of your game.
It is sad that the focus of the report has shifted from helping the game to damaging some of my favorite heroes from the past. I have loved the game of baseball and understand why the report has come out but it still hurts to see some of my favorite players’ reputations being destroyed.
I also blame baseball as a whole for letting this scandal extend so long. It is impossible for me to believe Bud Selig, as well as the other executives of baseball, were blind to the entire issue of steroids. In all reality I believe many people in high positions knew exactly what was going on yet did nothing to stop it because the game was hurting and they

wanted to build up the image of baseball again.
History will tell what the final outcome of the congressional hearing from Wednesday is, but one thing is certain: the game of baseball will always be remembered for this scandal and it is sad as a baseball fan to realize that. Baseball should be about America’s pastime, World Series victories, amazing individual accomplishments and dynasties such as the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox. Instead, baseball is continuously facing issues that aim to tarnish the game many of us love.
I just ask when will this end and when can we get back to what the game is really supposed to be? A game that America loves and is proud of.

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Corrections.

Last week’s article on Indoor Track was written by Sagar Shah.
The picture caption last week on Men’s Basketball was also incorrect.

Region of Doom

By Kevin J. DuPont
Staff Writer

The following is part two of last week's article on the New York/New England sports rivalry.

For a century, the playing field has been left with blood, sweat and tears from both sides. The Sox have knocked off the Yankees; the Yankees have desecrated the Sox. The Bruins and Rangers have gone at it, and the Celtics and Knicks are no exception. But now, the great battle between the Northeast has finally breeched into the NFL. The Giants and Patriots have something going on. And the advantage is currently with New York.

One cannot exist without the other. The Red Sox and Bruins need the Rangers and Yankees as desperately as their counterpart. It fuels the championship races to new heights, and each year, it gets steadily hotter and hotter. Over the years, the preverbal ball has been in each side's court. Through most of the mid 20th century, the New York Yankees were the team to beat, breaking off incredible runs of power and they had the rings to show it off. Over the course of their existence, the Bronx Bombers have amassed 26 World Series titles. That is sixteen more than their runner up, the St. Louis Cardinals with 10. Not far behind from that, sitting in fourth place, is Red Sox Nation with 7 titles (including the 2007 season). The NBA crowns another team as its all time best. The Boston Celtics. They have 16 titles, including a steak of 8 championships in a row, and 11 out of 12 between 1957 and 1969. In comparison to the Knicks, who only have 2 and rank 8th all time.

In the grand scheme of things, the current standings in championships is New York 42 and New England 31*. However, if you take only the New York sports team with the MOST championships, and cut out the two more they have per each sport, the competition is an unsettled 35-31 in New York's favor. Undoubtedly, these two regions are #1 and #2 on the all-time list for city with most hardware. (You know what major cities have no gold? Buffalo, Jacksonville, Tennessee (Nashville) and San Diego have NEVER won a single championships in their sports existence. That is 7 teams in major places with nothing to show for it). How far ahead are these sports mega-powers? The closest behind Boston is Montreal (I know, weird) who has 24**. The closest American city is Los Angeles with 23.

** Neither region has ever won an MLS cup. The Revolution have been in it quite often, but have lost in the championship three straight years.*
*** All 24 of Montreal's wins are from the Canadians (NHL).*

Through the thick and thin, each side has had its glory days, and each team has suffered remarkable upsets and



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dazzling surges in their history. These epic battles are renowned as some of the greatest of all time. With the addition of New York's upset of the Patriots in Super Bowl XLII, the memory of the Boston Red Sox infamous comeback to win four straight in the 2004 ALCS after being down 3 games to none to the Yankees still lingers. This series was the first time in baseball history that a team came together and battled back from such a deficit. Even dating back to the 1939 NHL Stanley Cup, The Boston Bruins dethroned the New York Rangers with 3 devastating overtime goals from Mel Hill in Game 7. It's gone on for over a century; it will continue to go on forever. Both sides have been immersed in victory and have suffered the gravest of defeats.

In essence, the Northeast is the athletic Region of Doom. It is home to the biggest and baddest sports teams in all the United States. By the end of the year, the 4 championship margin New York holds over Boston could be reduced to 2 (and SHOULD have been 1) by the likes of the Boston Celtics and the surprisingly dainty Boston Bruins. The road for such teams will not be easy. The Celtics face tough West Coast teams and their sole challenge to the East Coast throne, Detroit (The Knicks have unfortunately rolled over and died). Meanwhile, the Rangers and Bruins could be battling for playoff spots in the next couple of months and maybe, as fate would have it, meet up in the NHL playoffs.

For all of you disgruntled Patriots fans out there, fear not. There is ALWAYS a next year. So Giants fans soak it in and enjoy it. You've earned it

and there is nothing we can do about it. However, we will be back next year. And with the Patriots 2008-2009 schedule including only 2 playoff teams from this year (Seattle Seahawks and San Diego Chargers) they are certainly looking good for another strong run. As a matter of fact, 13 of the Pat's 16 games next season will be against teams with BELOW 500 records from this season. In case you are wondering, they are their division, each played twice (Miami, Buffalo, and the Jets had 12 combined wins, 6 less than New England this season) Denver (7-9), Kansas City (4-12) Oakland (4-12) Arizona (8-8), San Francisco (5-11) and St. Louis (3-13). I'd say the Patriots can potentially make another outstanding run, but I'm keeping my mouth shut from now on about 19-0.

They are two honorable cities that have been blessed with bragging rights in the sports world. They are the two cities that take professional sports all the way down to pee wee and little league, seriously. They support and defend their teams beyond anything else. We are professional sports; no other region of the country can say that. With 73 titles between them, and PLENTY more to come, these two regions will always have bad blood between them. If it isn't Bill Buckner or Aaron Boone, Larry Bird and Patrick Ewing, Tom Brady or Eli freakin' Manning, there will always be SOMEONE. We are the region of doom, and we DARE you to beat us.

Oh, and New York, we don't need three teams in each sport to win championships. Chew on that Evil Empire.

Bulldog Bites

BASKETBALL SENIOR WEEK IS HERE

The Bryant men's and women's basketball teams will host Saint Michael's Wednesday and Southern Connecticut this Saturday at the Chace Athletic Center. Saturday's games against the Owls will be "Senior Day" as the Bulldogs will honor the senior class prior to tip-off. The men's game will be broadcast on COX-3 in Rhode Island and will air Sunday afternoon. Over the weekend, Bryant welcomed six new members into the Athletics Hall of Fame.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

The Bryant swim teams were idle last week in preparation for the upcoming New England Championships. The men's team will swim at the New England Division II-III Championships at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI Feb. 22-24 while the women's team will take part in the New Englands this weekend at UMass Dartmouth starting on Friday, Feb. 15 and concluding this Sunday, Feb. 17.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Bryant women's basketball team dropped a pair of tough contests last week, falling to No. 23 Franklin Pierce on Tuesday before returning home Saturday only to come up short to visiting American International, 76-74 in double overtime. Lynne-Ann Kokoski (Hatfield, MA) nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer to force the second over time. Freshman Siamone Bennett (Newburgh, NY) had a huge game for the Bulldogs, scoring 23 points on 8 of 9 shooting and grabbing 15 rebounds – including 10 offensive boards. Kokoski, Bryant's only senior, will be honored prior to the start of Saturday's game against Southern Connecticut.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sophomore guard Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI) recorded 15 assists to help lead the Bryant men's basketball team to a pair of wins last week and sole possession of fifth-place in the Northeast-10 Conference standings. The Bulldogs are a game behind Stonehill in the loss column for fourth place and a first round bye in the conference tournament. The Bulldogs visit Stonehill next week (Feb. 19). Birrell had a game-high 16 points plus eight assists in a road win at Franklin Pierce Tuesday while senior Jon Ezeokoli (South Orange, NJ) scored 19 points Saturday in the team's 65-54 win over AIC at home.

INDOOR TRACK

The Bryant University men's and women's indoor track & field teams competed at the Boston University Valentine Invitational Saturday afternoon. Leading the way for the women was junior standout Stephanie Montagano (Wakefield, MA) who took 45th in the women's 200 meters in 26.32 seconds and later added a 30th place finish in the women's 400 meters in 58.87 seconds. In the field events, Amber Torrey (Plainfield, NH) placed 38th in the women's shot put with a mark of 34 feet, 9.5 inches and later took 22nd in the women's weight throw at 45-3. On the men's side, freshman Thomas O'Connor (Westwood, MA) was 50th overall in the prelims of the 55 meter dash in 6.81 seconds. He would also add a 44th place finish in the 200 meters in 22.53. Sophomore teammate Alex Engel (Spencer, MA) was 55th in the 200m in 22.63. Engel ran well later in the 400m, taking 57th overall in 50.62. Freshman Mike DiBella (Upper Saddle River, NJ) was 24th in the 500m in 1:06.45. In the field events, Connor Richardson (Attleboro Falls, MA) was 27th in the triple jump in 40-7.5.

SPRING SPORTS TEAMS READY TO OPEN SEASON

The Bryant spring sports team have been hard at work practicing indoors and outside on the turf field in preparation for the 2008 seasons. Baseball kicks off this weekend when the Bulldogs travel to Florida where they will face Bentley College and Rollins College, coached by former Bryant coach Jon Sjogren. Bryant is scheduled for six games in three days before returning to Rhode Island. Men's tennis will also get back in the swing of things traveling to Concordia on Saturday for an 8 p.m. game. Men's lacrosse will open the 2008 season next Saturday (Feb. 23) hosting Adelphi at 1 pm.

Offering friendly competition

By Jonathan Frader
Staff Writer

Although Bryant offers many intramural sports programs during the year, none are quite as popular as basketball.

There are three leagues for students to play in. The A league is the more competitive of the two leagues offered to men. The athletes who play in A are compiled of former high school players and kids who have the skill level to play in college but aren't necessarily tall enough or don't want to play a varsity sport in college. In total, there are 15 teams who compete in A. Those who are looking for a fast-paced, high scoring game should be pleased with the competition offered in the A league.

B league is the second league for intramural basketball. The B league like the A league has many former high school players, along with kids who just love the game. The B league is just as competitive as A, with a little less skill but just as much heart. 32 teams in B makes it the largest intramural basketball league.

Finally, there is the women's league. Although only 6 teams comprise the women's league, the competition is just as high as either of the two mens leagues. Many of the women who play are former high school players, as well as current athletes who play different sport.

The season starts February 5th and goes until March 27th. The games are held in the main gym of

the Chace Wellness Center. From 7 to 11 at night, ballers of all shapes and sizes can be found competing. A lot of students play basketball because it provides an active alternative to going to the gym, and brings back the competitive fire that many students lose after they graduate from high school.

Ben McArthur, a sophomore at Bryant says this about playing intramural basketball: "I play intramural sports because of the friendly competition that is displayed in every event or game, and how it gives the mediocre athlete an outlet for their sporting needs."

Although many of the players of intramural basketball are not varsity athletes, there are men and women of other Bryant varsity teams such as football, lacrosse and field hockey who participate.

Kasey Kortz, senior goalkeeper for the Bryant Field Hockey team, says one of the best things about playing intramural basketball is it's a great way to keep in shape during the off-season along with continuing to play the sport that she dominated in during high school. "I have played Intramural basketball for the last three years, and I am really looking forward to continuing our undefeated record as well as winning our second intramural championship."

As the season kicks off, players and spectators should look forward to fast-paced, big-time competition as intramural basketball is officially in session.

Club Spotlight: 2008 Rugby Preview

By Kyle Kober
Staff Writer

Snow covers the ground and temperatures hover in the 30's for most of the month of February. That doesn't mean it's too soon for the Bryant Men's Rugby Team to begin preparations for the 2008 spring season. The spring rugby season, less than a month away, is a non-competitive season with friendly scrimmages leading up to the Beast of the East Tournament on April 19. The Beast of the East Tournament is the largest collegiate rugby tournament in the world and lasts for two days. When talking with seniors David Ingham and team president Zachary Glynn, they were extremely optimistic and confident about the spring season. The team played extremely well in the 2007 fall competitive season. The Bulldogs went undefeated during the regular season (5-0) and made it into the playoffs. David and Zach believe that the team can build on their success in the fall to avenge their first round loss in the 2007 Beast of the East Tournament.

The team leaders are really enthusiastic about the talent they have on the team for the 2008 Beast of the East Tournament. Kevin Bowker, the team's leading scorer will be back for the spring and is looking to once again lead his team to victory. Team president Zachary Glynn, one of the team's biggest impact players, is looking to bounce back from his injury riddled fall season where he was sorely missed by his team. Zach unfortunately suffered a broken toe early in the season and then and a broken wrist in a successful attempt to rally his team to victory. Kevin and Zach bring experience and speed to

the team, and the team captain was very excited about having them both healthy and on the field together for the spring season.

The spring season is a great opportunity for the veteran players to get playing time to prepare for the Beast of the East Tournament as well as give the younger players an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities. Alex Jelly and Jonathan Patrick plan to do just that. They were the team's only first year starters and brought power and pure athleticism to the team in the fall season. Alex and Jonathan are looking to prove themselves as elite Bulldog rugby players and the team is excited to see these young men learn and grow into impact players for years to come. The younger players are going to play an unusually important role in the spring season; the team will be losing six starters of their fifteen man starting roster after graduation. The young guns on the team are going to have big shoes to fill after graduation but the team is confident that their crop of young, smart players will be able to fill the void.

There is also a new event planned for the 2008 spring season. The team, building on the success and popularity of the program, has organized for the first time a Babson-Bentley-Bryant Tournament. The tournament will take place on March 29th here at the home of the Bulldogs. This tournament is sure to be entertaining, intense, and fun, and I would suggest that everybody come out and support the Bryant Men's Rugby Team. Good luck to all the sports teams this spring and if anybody is interested in joining the men's rugby team feel free to contact team president Zachary Glynn at zglynn@bryant.edu.

The Rocket and 'roids

By Gerg Hirshorn
Staff Writer

I have never been a huge fan of 'The Rocket' for the sole reason that I don't think that he is a genuinely kind person. Since he announced his retirement from the Yankees and then all of a sudden signed a deal with the Houston Astros, I decided I was no longer going to root for a person who is not straightforward and honest. Red Sox fans have never been a fan of Rocket since he left the team and headed to Toronto for more money. He is disliked even more now in Boston because he has played for the hated Yankees, twice.

When the Mitchell report was released back in December, Clemens was the highest profile player on the list with the exception of 'Barroid' Barry Bonds. Ever since his name has come out Clemens has, through his lawyers, denied that he had anything to do with steroids. Other people named in the investigation have come forward and admitted to taking drugs but Roger has stood his ground in denying everything that the report states.

When you look at the issue it is very simple: either he or his trainer Brian McNamee is not telling the truth. McNamee claims in the report and to a jury that he supplied Clemens with steroids and HGH. Clemens denied this and continues to do so.

One thing that I feel hurts Clemens' credibility is the fact that his good friend Andy Pettitte has admitted to using performance enhancing drugs to help him overcome an injury while he played for Houston with Roger. During the hearing this past Wednesday one of the congressmen stated he does not believe the story of Clemens or McNamee, but he does believe the story of Pettitte. The importance of this is that McNamee is the trainer for both Clemens and Pettitte. Since Pettitte admits to the fact that he took the enhancement drugs and had conversations with Clemens about his steroid use it has raised more eyebrows at Clemens, seeing that the two were best friends, shared the same trainer, and Pettitte implicated Roger.

The most amazing thing I found about this ongoing issue was an article reporting that McNamee claimed to have injected Debbie Clemens, Roger's wife, with HGH back in 2003. The issue has gone beyond just Roger to now it includes his wife taking human growth hormones. This injection took place due to a request from Roger himself to have his wife

injected prior to their Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue photo shoot. When Clemens' lawyer was asked about this article he replied, "To say that Roger directed that kind of thing is a colossal lie."

The situation really is so out of control at this point that whichever side is not being straightforward has a lot to be embarrassed about. If McNamee is lying then he should be embarrassed for attempting to tarnish the legacy of Clemens. If



Courtesy of MCT Campus

Former New York Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens testifies before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday about the illegal use of steroids and other performance enhancing drugs in baseball.

Clemens is not telling the truth, which I believe is the case, then he just proves himself to be an even bigger scumbag than I took him for because he simply can't come out and face the music when he did something wrong.

Watching the hearings on Wednesday it was obvious to me that both McNamee and Clemens are lying to some extent. Past quotes from McNamee were brought up which he now admits were lies that he told to protect the players that he knew were taking drugs. McNamee was drilled by one individual who called him a drug dealer. He did not have much to say to prove this statement to be incorrect.

Clemens was caught up in a round of questioning regarding his B12 vitamin injections and the abnor-

mal symptoms he experienced that were similar to signs of HGH usage. The fact that Clemens had his lawyer whispering things into his ear did not make me feel any more confident in his story that he did not take steroids.

I do have a theory as to why Clemens is not telling the truth about his steroid usage and that is due to the fact that he wants to make the Hall of Fame when he retires. If he admits to taking steroids it could potentially harm his chances at being voted into the hall because voters are very much against this kind of behavior. It will be very interesting to see the voting for the Hall of Fame in the year that Bonds and Clemens become eligible.

The question is, do these players still get a free pass to the Hall of Fame if they enhanced their stats through the use of performance enhancing drugs? If you ask me it really depends on the circumstances behind the player who is up for Hall of Fame nomination. Many of the players in this era have used some sort of performance enhancing drug, but some have been more straightforward and honest about their usage.

You have players like Andy Pettitte who came out and explained that his usage of performance enhancing drugs was for a short period of time to aid the healing process of one of his injuries. One the other hand you have players like Bonds and Clemens who outright deny using any kind of drugs even when evidence shows otherwise. Something has to be said for coming out and facing the music, as we all know that it can be a very difficult thing to do.

If I were Roger Clemens and I wanted to get into the Hall of Fame, which I am sure he does, I would come out and be honest about the accusations that I am facing. If he in reality did not do steroids then I applaud him for defending himself but, if he did do steroids and is just trying to cover up the fact through lying I feel he has lost his shot at the Hall of Fame. At this point in time he may feel that lying about taking steroids gives him a better chance at making the Hall of Fame as opposed to admitting to taking the drugs. I don't believe this because eventually, if Clemens is lying, it is going to catch up with him. He has a better chance to draw Hall of Fame voters to his side through telling the truth about what he did, as opposed to lying now and just getting caught in that lie at a later point in time.

Students Speak Out

Do you think Valentine's Day
is a real holiday?



"I think that it is a Hall-mark holiday, not a real one. I don't hate it, but I don't love it either."
Nick Rotti '11



"Yes it is a happy holiday. If you have a boyfriend it is nice to get candy and flowers."
Laurie Freedman '10



"No it's not. Every day should be a day of love."
Shawn Ayala '10



"No. It is a holiday that only certain people can enjoy. If you have no Valentine you just sit in your room, eat Chubby Hubby, and watch Lifetime."
Torri Jennette '10



"I feel it is just like Arbor Day. It's good if you celebrate it but so what if you don't. I hate when people use it as an excuse to complain about being single."
Brittney Slater '10



"It can be one if you want it to be. I personally think it is. It is an excuse for a couple to get away and have a romantic time."
Erin Teffs '11



"No. There is no significance to it. It is made up by the card companies."
Brian Difederico '11



"Yes it definitely is. I love Valentine's Day because I get presents."
Kristina Aceto '11

Happy Hallmark Give Me Your Crack(berry) Day!

By Tim Bellmar
Staff Writer

Valentine’s Day, the day where we give gifts to that special someone just to make sure they know we love them. Apparently just telling them how you feel doesn’t work anymore. At least that is what the card companies want you to think. The U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates that around one billion valentines are sent worldwide every year. This means that only Christmas tops Valentine’s Day when it comes to sending cards. Expressing yourself is fine, but does anyone know why we celebrate this pseudo-holiday?

Valentine’s Day began with the Catholic Church and has evolved through myth and legend. The church currently recognizes eleven Valentine’s Days and tells of three Valentines associated with February 14. The three saints are: Valentine the Roman priest, Valentine the bishop from Terni, and Valentine the martyr from Africa. The legend of Saint Valentine is just as ambiguous. One story tells of people leaving notes in the cracks of Valentine’s jail cell for him to pray over. A second story is about a priest who defied his emperor and married soldiers with their wives. The emperor believed that unmarried men made for better soldiers and threw Valentine in jail. There, he befriended the jailer’s daughter and before he was executed, left her a letter signed “From your Valentine.” It is the story of this saint that has inspired our modern holiday. This is of course why everyone goes to church on Valentine’s Day right?

The holiday has become one very long, inescapable and annoying commercial. The weeks of advertisements are just constant reminders that can serve one of two purposes. The first is to make sure you know, without a doubt, that you have no one to share the holiday with. This can be attributed to the holiday’s nickname of “Single Awareness Day,” and causes many single women to buy themselves flowers. The second purpose of Valentine’s Day affects only those unfortunate enough to have a significant other. If you fall into this category, you are forced into buying chocolates, roses and cards just for starters. Then the jewelry companies do their best to persuade you that the only way you can show true love is to buy diamonds. It seems like the holiday is more about the gifts than it is about the love.

I believe gifts can be a powerful way to show someone how you feel about them. The hard thing to figure out is what makes a good gift. To steal a line from Sean Connery in the film Finding Forester, the best gift is “An unexpected gift at an unexpected time.” This is exactly what Saint Valentine did when he sent a letter to the woman he loved before his death. This Valentine’s Day, think about what you really want to tell your significant other. Don’t “buy” into what the advertisements want to sell you. Any day could be a Valentine’s Day. It is up to the gift giver to decide which day they are going to make it. So what is February 14th? Thursday, I think.

By Michael Adams
Opinion Editor

Cell phones obviously contain our life, and if we lose them, well, we basically keel over and die. I use my phone to call friends, family, and business contacts, I rarely text, never take pictures, and always put my phone on silent (or even turn it off) when I head into the classroom. Oh wait, what? You mean you didn’t know your phone had a silent feature on it?

In the past couple of months I have noticed excessive cell-phone use on this campus. It’s getting to be ridiculous. I can understand calling your friend for small things like whether they want to go to Salmo for dinner, and I can understand if you need to call your significant other, because if you don’t, they will freak out and find your exact whereabouts in about five minutes. Ok—that’s extreme. Both of these are fine, but what I am trying to say is that you honestly do not need to glue your phone to your right ear.

Having your phone constantly with you (and the ringer as loud as possible) must be some sort of generational thing. I bring you the best example of this: President Machtley’s State of the University

Address at Parent’s and Family Weekend in October. So, here we are listening to a fantastic speech by the President about where the University is going, and oops! Somebody’s cell phone goes off. Ok, so in my mind this would trigger something in my brain to turn my friggin’ phone off. Nope—not at all. By the time Ron had finished his speech, a whopping seven phones had gone off. A majority of the rings lasted longer than two rings. Are you kidding me? As if you didn’t hear your phones go off in the first millisecond of its ring? It must have something to do with psychology, but it is plain stupid not to turn your phone off when someone else’s goes off.

The big culprit is constantly texting for the entire duration of class. The professor is trying to teach you something. For once in your life, could you put down your phone and listen? Chances are very likely that it could enrich your learning (well, in some cases). The text message you were going to send to Bobby during class can wait ‘till after class. It’s usually nothing too important, and the class time should not change the contents of that text anyway. If the professor is a bit dry, you could at least doodle in your notebook—then it

kind of looks like you are paying attention. Texting is not as bad as having your phone go off in class, though. Just turn the thing off. It’s not hard to do. Just my two cents, but if you do leave it on and it rings, the professor and your neighboring friends will most definitely make fun of you—just a warning!

My last jab at excessive cell phone use is the Blackberry. The company is starting to target students, and they are doing quite well. I see these phones all over campus. Not only can you text wicked fast on these phones, but you can access the internet if you choose to pay the incredibly high monthly charges. This could potentially be dangerous for some people. I know of people who constantly check their Blackberry because of the e-mail/facebook capabilities, hence the reason why I, and many other people, call it the “crackberry.” You need it all the time, and you are constantly taking hits. It drives me nuts and, once again, it is disrespectful to the professor giving the lecture. Turn your electronic crack off, and wait fifty minutes to check your e-mail. Or better yet: go back to your dorm and check it on your computer. Now that is a novel thought.

The Power of Words

By Greg Hirshorn
Staff Writer

Over winter break, I had the opportunity of a lifetime. For ten days I went to Israel, a place that I have wanted to see for as long as I can remember. Israel was the experience of a lifetime and something I will never forget. I learned a lot while I was there, but one thing in particular that I learned about was the power of words and the connotations that they contain.

In Jerusalem we visited an area where there is a barrier separating the Palestinian from the Jewish community. The purpose and history of the wall is complex, but in short it is there to prevent hostility between the Palestinian and Jewish communities on each side. The way this barrier is viewed by the people on each side of it is what fascinated me.

If you ask the Jewish people on one side of this barrier what it is called they would answer, the security fence. The wall is seen as a necessity to prevent terrorist attacks by people who want to see the destruction of their communities. The barrier is a checkpoint so that people who are not authorized to enter that area are stopped and not allowed access to the area where they are not supposed to be.

If you ask a Palestinian person on the other side of the barrier what they would call it, they would answer the separation wall. In this view it is in place to keep them away from the general population. The wall limits their access to better schools, hospitals, and similar resources and so they thus feel deprived of what is available to people on the other side of this barrier.

When you look at the words used to describe the barrier that is in place you can tell some of the feelings of the people who are using those phrases. Look at the word ‘security fence’ for example; one can infer that these people feel like they need something to keep them safe. The word fence gives the feeling of a home and something that you put in your backyard. This gives a feeling that the land belongs to these people; since they are able to place a fence on a property, they must therefore own it.

The term ‘separation wall’ gives a very different feeling, one of suppression. A wall is something that has a connotation traditionally of being in the way and unwanted. Separation is also something that people would avoid if they could. Another thing about the word separa-

tion is that it is seen as involuntary and something oppressive forced upon a group of people.

It made me think about the tone of words I use and what they have to do with my views on issues going on in the world that I live in. The phrases and words I choose are important and I want to be more considerate in the future so that I am accurately understood through what I am saying and the vocabulary I use.


In a certain way the concept of stereotypical labels plays into this issue. Using inappropriate words to describe groups of people says something about the people who are using these words. These are very negative things inferred about the people using these words in terms of their ignorance, insensitivity, and racist ideals.

What I find interesting about this is the fact that these two terms are describing the same exact structure. The terms are so different and have such different meanings and they still are referring to the same thing. It really proves how there are multiple ways to view a situation and these ways can be summed up in simple terms as we see in this case.

A local example of this kind of labeling that I can think of is the way that people address illegal immigrants. There are some people who refer to these people as illegal immigrants and then there are others who refer to them as illegal aliens. The connotation that goes along with aliens is a strange and different race. When people use that term it says a lot about how they view the illegal people who are in this country.

It is sad that there has to be a barrier in place separating these two groups of people. The conflict between the Jewish and Palestinian people is so deeply entrenched over such a long period of time that the differences between the two are very hard to remedy.

I don’t want to focus on the arguments for or against the wall that is in place, which multiple volumes of books could be written about, but instead stay on the topic of the way that we as humans label things. Everyone wants to be understood correctly and have their thoughts interpreted in the right context, which is why the way we label things is critical. Through everything we talk and write about we are saying something about ourselves and looking at the way people talk about the wall really drove that point home for me.



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Bryant Said What!?

We bring you random quotes heard from random people on campus. We have no idea who said them, but we think they are funny, and we hope you do too.

Compiled by Jessica Komoroski, Michael Adams, and Tim Bellmar
“But this is too big and the hole’s too small!”
“...That’s what she said.”

“If we kidnap her, she won’t want to leave.”

“The wonders of college: you’ll learn some things Asians may never know.”

“Why does it take you so long to suck down a cough drop?!” “Hey! These are really thick! It takes me like an hour.”

“I stole this from Ronzio’s last night.” *slowly pulls a double-tipped dry erase marker from pocket*

“I don’t even know where the Phillippines are, like on a map. They’re like those islands, right?”

“I am NOT drinking tonight. NOTHING can make me drink tonight. Unless someone asks me to go out drinking.”

“Look, there’s another guy passed out outside our door.”

“I’m paying \$40,000 a year to read a textbook.”

“Is it bad that we’re procrastinating by watching strong men do gymnastics?”

“When you drink when you are taking alcohol...”

"I just remember waking up on a beach next to this beautiful, spectacular woman and I was thinking to myself 'I don't know if we did...but I'm hoping."

“So this chick is on top of me, and goes ‘What’s my name?’ and I’m like ‘Uhh...’ and she gets off me and leaves.”

We’re always looking for totally awesome and hilarious quotes to go into the Bryant Said What!? section.

If you’ve got one, send it to madams@bryant.edu.

Observations

Compiled by Michael Adams, Jessica Komoroski, Tracey Gant and Brigit Clancy

The Face of Bryant University?
Bryant Ambassadors are supposed to be the face of Bryant University. We have an 83 percent White student population. In their most recent hiring process, eight ambassadors were chosen and six were from foreign countries.

Thanks for Helping
Bryant Facilities workers spent their Saturday night plowing and salting the sidewalks around campus. Thank you, Facilities, for making the walkways safe!

The Creemee Machine is Back!
Now we will be able to get our vanilla, chocolate, and other miscellaneous creemee flavors from everyone’s favorite piece of fat producing metal. If you’re wondering what a creemee is, it’s Vermonter for “soft-serve.”

Hall 17 Showers are Good for Waking Up a Drunk.
So, the brand new Hall 17 has been without warm water for about a month now. We think someone should get on that.

Ripping at the Seams
The Bryant Center stairs need some TLC. Just our two cents, but there seems to be this lovely exposed stair that is waiting for some beautiful new plastic.

Hot off the Presses!
We couldn’t help but notice that last week’s edition of *The Archway* has flown off the stands. Thanks for taking time to read all of our articles! Got an observation? We’d like to hear it. E-mail thearchway@gmail.com.

Words of Wellness: Take Care of Your Heart

By Jennifer DiPrete
Staff Columnist

February typically has us thinking warm thoughts of spring break with the notion that better weather can only be around the corner. The American Heart Association (AHA) also takes time to concentrate on matters of the heart during this month. Friday, February 1st was “Go Red for Women.” The AHA asked Americans to wear the color red to show support for the fight against heart disease. Heart disease is the number one killer of women (and men) with more women dying of heart disease than all cancers (including cancer of the breast). The good news is that there are many lifestyle factors that can be controlled in reducing your risk of developing heart disease. As a college student, now is a crucial time to develop healthy habits that will lead to a lifetime of heart-healthy living. Here are some lifestyle cues to keep in mind:

Nutrition – Better food habits can help reduce risk for heart attack. Healthful eating means choosing the right foods to eat and preparing foods in a healthy way. The AHA recommends eating a wide variety of foods from all the basic food groups. Scientific evidence supports a diet high in food sources of antioxidants, and other heart-protecting nutrients such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains and nuts. Be aware of sodium intake. Healthy American adults should eat less than 2300 mg a day which is equivalent to about 1 teaspoon. In addition, remember the following:

- Vegetables and fruits are high in vitamins, minerals, and fiber – and low in calories. Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables may help control weight and blood pressure.
- Unrefined whole grain foods contain fiber that can help lower blood cholesterol and help you feel full.
- Eat fish at least twice a week. Recent research shows that eating oily fish containing omega-3 fatty acids (salmon, trout, and herring) may help lower risk of death from coronary artery disease.

Fitness and Weight Management – Physical inactivity is a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease and most Americans are not active enough to gain any health benefits. Swimming, cycling, jogging, skiing, dancing and walking are great activities to get your heart rate up and burn some calories. You should aim for 30 minutes of cardiovascular activity most days of the week (at least 4 days). If you are pressed for time, consider two 15-minute bouts of activity. Park further away from your destination, take the stairs instead of the elevator or escalator, and take only one shopping bag in at a time. Resistance training for 20-minutes, twice a week also increases calorie burn. Be on the lookout for fad diets, you know, the one’s that make big promises for immediate results. You know

- something is a fad diet if it:
1. Promises magic or miracle foods that burn fat.
 2. Requires you to eat unusual quantities of only one food or food type.
 3. Requires rigid menus of a limited selection of foods to be eaten at a specific time and day.
 4. Requires you to eat specific food combinations in certain sequences or combinations.
 5. Has no warning for those with diabetes or high blood pressure to seek medical advice before starting the diet.
 6. Does not include increased physical activity as part of the plan.

Alcohol – Too much alcohol can raise the levels of some fats in the blood. It can also lead to high blood pressure, heart failure, and an increase in calorie intake. Excessive drinking and binge drinking can also lead to stroke. In addition, the heart can become inflamed, start beating with abnormal rhythms, or even stop beating if alcohol consumption has reached a toxic level. The AHA cautions people NOT to start drinking alcohol if they already don’t. Increasing alcohol consumption puts you at more risk of dangers such as alcoholism, high blood pressure, obesity, stroke, breast cancer, suicide, and accidents.

Stress – More and more evidence suggests a relationship between the risk of cardiovascular disease and environmental and psychological factors. Acute and chronic stress may affect other risk factors and increase other unhealthy behaviors such as high blood pressure and cholesterol, levels, smoking, physical inactivity and overeating. When in an alarmed state, there tends to be increased blood levels of the hormones cortisol and adrenaline in response to dealing with stress. Limited research has linked higher levels of cortisol with elevated body weight, in particular around the mid-section which as been shown to increase risk of heart attack in men specifically.

Tobacco Smoke – Smoking is the single most preventable cause of death in the United States. Smoking is a major cause of cardiovascular disease, in particular, among women. Women who smoke have an increased risk for stroke. Constant exposure to others’ tobacco smoke (secondhand smoke) at work or home also increases their risk. Women smokers who use birth control pills have a higher risk of heart attack and stroke than nonsmokers who use them. Tobacco use negatively impacts virtually every cell and organ in the human body. It is to your advantage to seek out smoking cessation programs and put an end to life-sapping addiction.

For more information, please visit the American Heart Association’s website at www.americanheart.org. Be well and remember to aim for a “Healthy You at Bryant U!”

The Fashionistas: A horrifying story

By Jessica Komoroski and Celeste Tennant
Assistant Opinion Editor and Assistant Campus News Editor

Ladies and Gentlemen: your Mommas are back with an urgent and horrifying story. This past week, we were appalled when we found ourselves standing face to face with one of the scariest fashion disasters to date. Picture this: a purple leopard print belly shirt. We know what you’re thinking: “Who in their right mind would see such a shirt on the shelves and not only buy it, but WEAR it?!” The answer is a Bryant University student, that’s who! She came without warning or mercy and left Momma V and Momma B in complete fashion hysteria.

It’s amazing that you can find yourself in a situation where you suddenly need a tranquilizer gun. This particular individual clearly escaped from the petting zoo. There are so many problems in attempting to pull off leopard print of any kind. First off, it is very difficult to pull off animal print in your everyday casual

wardrobe. And In the cases when it is appropriate—like when your name is Gwen Stefani, for example, or if you’re a cheetah girl—purple is NEVER acceptable. Unless you found some hybrid cheetah that was Barney’s illegitimate love child, purple spots are just not normal.

This particular individual was a very pretty girl, but all we know is that the shirt had to be burned in the deepest pits of hell. It can’t be salvaged nor excused, no matter how beautiful one individual is. BEWARE: the beast is still on the loose (the shirt, we mean) and the criminal is still at large. As for the criminal, please remember that rehabilitation is always an option, and your Mommas are always here for you. When it came to giving the beast a rating, we found ourselves stuck between a rock and a hard place. While it was clear that you weren’t in the right mental state when you bought that (3), there must have been a power outage in your closet (2). Why else would you put such a pathetic excuse for a shirt on your body? Because of this, we have given the purple cheetah girl a 2.5. And that’s what’s up.

The Opinion pages of The Archway feature the opinions of the identified columnists and writers, which are not necessarily those of the newspaper or Bryant University.

This week’s Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

After reading the recently published article on “Bryant Going Green,” I was a little disheartened that some of the students and staff who dedicated their time and energy were not given the credit they deserve for their work.

During the Fall semester of 2007 several members of the RA staff of Hall 14 came to me to present an initiative they were planning to implement. Caitlin Fahey organized the program and began a partnership with the housekeeping staff members in her building to collect the recyclable materials from the bins already in place. Over the fall semester, Caitie and her floor of women recycled over 300 cans and bottles by personally taking them to off campus recycling locations, with the proceeds donated to worthy causes. But, their major answer of “why doesn’t Bryant recycle?” was still unanswered.

RA Caitie Fahey and Sam Harrington of ECO both contacted me to talk about ways to bring recycling back into the halls in a University sponsored way. They dedicated many hours to meetings with Campus Management, Allied Waste Services, and members of Residence Life. During these meetings and planning sessions, the information came out that Bryant already had a recycling program in place for several years, but it was under-utilized, under-advertised, and plagued with rumors and myths that it didn’t exist and those items were treated as trash.

Dear Editor,

Hey, it's a kid in overalls. Yes, I'm quite possibly the one who wore the heinous garments. I know from being a member of the Archway, and how the date of the article and the time of wearing my pair coincide rather nicely, that I'm probably that individual. I also unfortunately bought the overalls with my own money. They cost me like thirty five bucks too. I'm thankful for the little advice on how to shape up, but I could probably use more help. I hope some fashion-minded people will be able to help me.

Fashionistas (as in fashion-minded people), how do I look? I mean, what exactly am I supposed to be wearing? The Fashionistas (the Mommas this time, not fashion-minded people in general) have contributed the idea of a "pair of jeans (relatively cheap)." I personally don't like jeans; I prefer to wear khakis. It's also been recommended that I burn my overalls, but I don't think Bryant has the facilities for that. I'm obviously fashion challenged here as I wear overalls and other assorted atrocities. I believe fashion-minded people do a poor job by telling people what not to wear. They often fail to also offer advice on what to wear. Let's face it, my overalls are a slap in the face to all that is fashionable and my three pairs of orange khakis too. I feel I should really learn what to wear. I'd like to thank the Mommas for the pair of jeans, but what do I do about a shirt?

Would my pink-colored "Drama Queen" shirt do the trick. After all, jeans with a t-shirt have never gone out of style. Maybe that was the '50s in which they were popular. Could some fashion-minded people help me? I still have to take issue with burning the overalls though. To burn them would be a grievous thing to do. I don't throw out my clothes or destroy them when I've outgrown them or otherwise finish with them. Instead, I prefer to donate them to local charities back home. For me, burning those overalls would be the opportunity to deprive someone of something they need. I can't do that with a clear conscience. In

Over the course of the semester, this group came up with a realistic and usable plan to revitalize the recycling initiatives in the residence halls. The plan is progressive and based on student participation. In the Spring 2008 semester, Halls 14, 15, and 16 had larger and more uniform recycling bins placed on every floor or in the central trash rooms with clear signage. If there is success with recycling in the first year halls, then solutions for the Suite Village and Townhouses can be created for future semesters.

A website with the basic recycling information for the Residence Halls has been created and will go live on 2/18/08. It can be found at web.bryant.edu/~recycling . The most important information for anyone looking to recycle at Bryant is to make sure your cans and bottles are empty and your cardboard doesn’t have any food products or packing materials left in them; those “contaminated” items are not accepted at recycling companies and become trash.

In closing, I'd like to extend a big thank you on behalf of the Bryant Community to Caitlin Fahey, Sam Harrington of ECO, Hall 14 RAs, Ken Person, Harry Ryan and the housekeeping staff of Campus Management, and John Guilherme of Allied Waste Services, because without their hard work, this new revitalized program in the Residence Halls would not have happened.

Sincerely,
Pamela A. Malyk
Assistant Director of Residence Life

fashion or not, I should rather donate them to charity than ruin the chances for another to enjoy them.

Even if I donate them, there is a caveat. Fashion is, as defined by the American Heritage Dictionary "the prevailing style or custom, as in dress or behavior." So, nobody except for a "starving artist" or a "pre-school[er]" could want them. I'm sure there are still carpenters out there that would love a nice pair of comfortable overalls to work in though. I think I'll need some help to catch up with what works and what doesn't. I hope that I can find some advice somewhere on what to wear other than "jeans." If I wore just those jeans I'd be half naked. I don't think anyone wants to see my gut with my happy trail. I think I need help most in where to look to find the latest fashions.

Fashionistas, where do you look? I've noticed a great rise in The North Face clothing on campus since I arrived here in September. It even appears people are buying more of it. It's popular on campus, and thus it must be fashionable. I'm not sure though because obviously not being fashion-minded I wouldn't be able to tell if the North Face is hot or not. I thought fashion-minded people kept up with the trends. Shouldn't someone save us from The North Face and my "heinous" overalls?

I know now for a fact that my overalls aren't fashionable, but I didn't buy them for that reason. I'd also like to admit at this time that my purchase was quite shocking for me. I looked for months to have something to paint in and finally found it at Wal-Mart. As a member of the Bryant Players I wanted, no I needed clothes to paint in. I can't see sacrificing one of my nice orange khakis or the more common tan variety to the paint and stain. I had tried them on to see how the fit was and found them comfortable so I wore them to class. So, I'm not being a "pre-school[er]" or a "starving artist," but rather being comfortable and had I been doing any work, functional.

James King

Dear Editor,

Let me start off by saying this is the first time that I have read this article. The only reason I decided to read it was because it was brought to my attention by one of my suitemates. I had to actually take a few minutes to collect myself before replying. I personally am an advocate of gay rights and a supporter of all my friends who identify as being gay, as well as anyone else who identifies as being gay. So I found your comment about how women (who are dressing poorly in your opinion) should not "impersonate gay men" to be highly homophobic and offensive. I am surprised you were allowed to let that go to print as well, but that is a different issue. I will be sending a copy of your article and this reply to a member of the Bryant staff that I respect for their work in bringing awareness to the rights of many different social groups on this campus. I feel that if they happened to miss your article this week that they might be able to contribute a few words of advice as to how you phrase a few of your statements.

Additionally the allusion to Michael Jackson being gay (since you referenced him along with George Michael) would most likely leave you at the mercy of his lawyers over your comment. Although I doubt your comments mean anything to Michael Jackson himself, it is still defamation of character. Once again I am surprised as to how that managed to be printed in the paper. Seeing as how Michael Jackson has spent several years trying to clear his name of any and all child sexual abuse charges, I think he would take severe offense to your comments that were made out of falsehoods. They are falsehoods because he has been cleared of those different charges in the past. (I assume you associated him as being "gay" because he supposedly sexually assaulted young boys. Unfortunately your use of popular culture and jokes are inappropriate in a legitimate

Dear Editor,

With the results of super Tuesday not producing a clear winner for the democrats side, and John McCain the Republican frontrunner, the Rhode Island primary is now more important than ever. The closeness of this political contest speaks to the strength and quality of our two democratic candidates. However, only Barack Obama can bring real change to our country. Senator Obama's opposition to the Iraq War back in 2002 was a clear showing of his excellent judgement. Many college students do not feel that their government is living up to their expectations, and this is the change that only Barack Obama can bring to America. Uniting democrats, independents, and republicans in a coalition to better our nation is the only way we can move forward, as it is the only way we have made meaningful progress in the past. Thank you, and please consider voting for senator Barack Obama in the Rhode Island primary on March 4th.

Dan Tothill

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to The Fashionistas article that appeared in *The Archway* on Friday, February 8, 2008. I read this article after talking to a few upset students who felt that they were being personally attacked and I was very disappointed with what I read. I was very offended with the way the writers went about stating their opinions and I am not even one of the “fashion criminals” as they like to call it, since I do not wear anything they mocked.

I am not opposed of having a section in the newspaper that addresses fashion; I think it wouldn’t be offensive to anyone if the writers gave the latest fashion information and tips. I also commend the writers for getting involved in the student newspaper but I don’t think that it is appropriate to use this media outlet as a place to ridicule others on the basis of how they present their individual fashion styles.

As a student leader on this campus it really upsets me when situations like this arise. During my short time

paper. This is not Star magazine, this is The Archway, and Bryant University does a lot to make sure people are treated fairly on campus. That includes people who are of fame and fortune and do not attend this university, i.e. Michael Jackson).

You also seem to like to attack and criticize women who were, as you described them, "packing on the pounds". Now I may be a skinny male and it does not directly affect me, but I have respect for women of all shapes and sizes and know that this type of comment is truly deplorable. Now even if you and your readers agree that this group of women should not being wearing those articles of clothing your comments are still cruel and unacceptable as you are verbally assaulting a group of females on this campus by meaningless name calling. Now if this was verbal I would say nothing of it because everyone makes comments at some point which are negative to a group of people. However, this is print, and mass print at that. As writers you are required to be held to different standards of decency and political correctness. Referring to people as "packing on the pounds" is not politically correct, nor is it an acceptable alternative for words such as fat, or obese. As a matter of fact you should in no way be characterizing and discriminating against people because of their weight, or any other characteristic they might share. Once again I see this as something that can be viewed as a Bias Incident. Not only are you attacking one person, you are attacking a group of people on this campus. I hope you consider my words in the future, as I will be reading your article in the future, and if I happen to find another comment that is demeaning to any particular group of individuals I will not hesitate to bring a Bias Incident charge on the two of you and your article. Thank you for reading this.

Drew Green

here at Bryant I have consistently been trying to make sure that ALL Bryant students feel comfortable throughout their time here in our community. I personally think the words that were used in the article could have potentially destroyed some of the progress that has been made thus far.

Another reason that I am opposed to having articles such as this in *The Archway* is because they can be very detrimental to the paper’s credibility. I would hate to have perspective students who are interested in journalism pick up a copy while they visit to find work that can be considered very hurtful to others who read it. This could possibly deter them from wanting to come here and getting involved in the news paper.

My ultimate point is that we as students should not attack the writers for the work they have done but challenge them to think about how their words might affect their ENTIRE audience before formulating their opinions into words in the future.

Sincerely,
Elizett Pires

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Bulldog Flicks: Persepolis

By Michael Pickowicz
Staff Writer

I'm a little embarrassed to say that my first review in 2008 is on a movie that actually came out in 2007. Ever since I heard of "Persepolis," I eagerly awaited its Christmas release. Unfortunately, it never came out near me. Thanks to Avon Cinemas in Providence however, I was able to finally view it. Now I'm here to give you a review to help you determine if "Persepolis" is worth the journey.

Persepolis is a French animated autobiography, written by Marjane Satrapi, based on the graphic novel of the same name. The movie's central character is Marjane, a free-minded Iranian girl who lives through the country's revolt against the Shah. However, when the new Islamic regime takes over, more freedoms are lost. Even with the limited freedom, Marjane still finds time to "stick it to the man" by listening to Michael Jackson and wearing a "Punk is not Dead" coat. When her imprisoned uncle and mentor dies and a war starts between Iran and Iraq, a broken spirited Marjane is sent away to Austria for protection. Here, her journey to discover who she really is begins.

The first aspect I'd like to address in "Persepolis" is the animation. Just like the graphic novel it's based on, the film is in black and white and uses a somewhat simple approach. The amazing thing is however, it works beautifully when moving. The techniques that are used in graphic novels to display extra meaning in images (which a class of mine went over last semester...thanks Professor Kuhlman) are fantastically translated in motion.

The story itself was great, as I was able to really feel for the character of Marjane. What makes "Persepolis" so interesting is the fact all the diffi-

cult situations going on in Iran are seen through the eyes of this one girl and never anyone else's. It's amazing to see a child's point of view on a situation so beyond her comprehension. Even better is that this way of story telling gives the movie a comedic twist, making it quite unique.

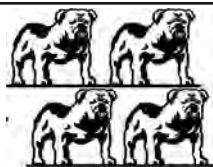
One aspect of "Persepolis" that bugged me a little was the fact that subtitles were used. While I'd much prefer this over a crappy dubbing, I was upset because the animation was so good. It's difficult to read words and still be able to watch the movie, which I feel does the visuals a great injustice. One other small complaint I have revolves around the middle of the movie, which seemed to drag a little. Life isn't good for Marjane in this part and the movie seems to keep on trying to bring that point to light. It was necessary to show but I felt like the point was being dragged a little.

Despite a few complaints, "Persepolis" is a terrific coming of age story. The movie is funny and, at the same time, heartbreaking. Standing still, the drawings may not seem impressive, but in motion it flows wonderfully. Already nominated for Best Animated Feature, I could absolutely see an upset over the favorite, "Ratatouille." If you're a fan of any type of animation, have read the graphic novel or are in the mood for a well-made movie, then it's well worth the trip to Avon Cinemas in Providence. "Persepolis" receives 4 Bulldogs out of 5.



Courtesy of Sonypictures.com

**This Movie Earned
4 out of 5 Bulldogs**



WJMF Show of the Week: Dog Pound

By Molly Briggs
Staff Writer

Ever wonder what it would be like to run your own radio show? Could any Joe Shmoe off the street come in and run a flawless show? Find out what goes on in the studio while the music is playing.

"15 seconds, man...you ready? 5-4-3-2-1."

"This is WJMF 88.7, The Beat of Bryant and you are listening to the Dog Pound, Argh Argh."

DJ Toto and DJ Duff have your music cravings under control Thursday nights from 10 to 12. While DJ Toto has the sound control and button-pressing status, DJ Duff is a 'smooth operator,' plotting the next entertaining song and connecting the artist to a story found in the news. With their weekly special guest, the fun never stops on Thursday nights - literally, they even stay past their time slot to keep the excitement going. On and off-air, the laughs never stopped during my night in the Dog Pound.

In their 4th semester as DJs, they both contribute their fair share of entertainment and talent to provide their listeners with a successful show.

DJ Toto is a Marketing major from New Jersey who plans to stay involved with the radio after his Dog Pound days are over. Although DJ Duff, an Accounting major from Connecticut, enjoys the show just as much as DJ Toto, he is most likely going to retire with the 'Pound.

It turns out they *were* a couple of Joe Shmoes until they were transformed, by dedication and time, from AJ Toto and Brian Duffy to DJ Toto and DJ Duff: fit to deliver a kick in the pants show for their listeners.

So, if you like bands such as Say Anything, Atreyu, Fall Out Boy, From First to Last and many others, tune in to the Dog Pound- or search the web at www.wjmf887.com and read the show descriptions to find a show you will enjoy. The campus station has a variety of great shows to offer the Bryant community and can be reached as far as North Providence. Tune in!

Horoscopes

Scorpio

It isn't often you feel like sorting through old paperwork. This could be one of those rare occasions. Put a load through the shredder. .

Sagittarius

It's getting easier to get ideas across. Unfortunately, everybody's anxious to do that. It may be difficult to get a word in edgewise.

Capricorn

Others are impressed by your take-charge attitude. You produce results. That's why they keep asking you to do more things.

Aquarius

Travel conditions are good, and it's OK to be impetuous. A weekend in Paris might be just the thing to put the zest back into your romance.

Pisces

Now that you know what you want, it's time to go shopping. Don't pour your money down a hole; buy something that will last.

Aries

The worst is over now. The feeling of being overwhelmed is fading. Finish up a few loose ends, then celebrate. Your friends and mate will help with that.

Taurus

Talk's cheap, but ineffective now. Action is required. Do the work and make the extra cash you need. Don't dip into savings; you'd hate yourself in the morning.

Gemini

Somebody understands exactly how you feel. Hang out with that person and get the support you deserve.

Cancer

You can be forgiven if you'd rather read a book than go gallivanting about. Call it preventive medicine. You're keeping from getting a cold.

Leo

Schedule your social activities for later on tonight. By then you may have changed your mind about where you want to go and what you want to do.

Virgo

Take on an extra assignment to earn some extra cash. You'll also gain the admiration of somebody you respect.

Libra

A hectic morning evolves into a more relaxing afternoon. Get out for a breath of fresh air..



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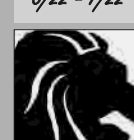
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If you haven't gotten to know Shawn Monahan yet, you might want say hi next time you see him. He is pretty easy to pick out; he is welldressed, usually walking around making sure all operations are running smoothly, and basically looks important. He is a pretty nice guy and won't give you a cold shoulder if you ask him a question. So I figured I would share this question with him. When I stated the "do they expect us to talk to each other" portion of the question, he gave a little smirk and I could tell he thought it was funny. He told me the main reason why there are not TVs in there is because President Matchley likes the quietness of the new area, and has good reason too!

I don't know about you, but I sure don't have a TV in my dining room at home. I personally think the TVs in Salmo are much too overrated. I don't think people really watch them all that carefully, and even if they are watching them, there is hardly any sound so what's the point. The new space proves to be great for large functions, as the trustee dinner which took place in there last week seemed to go fairly smoothly.

If you sit in the right seat in the new part of Salmo, you are still able to view the TVs in the main sitting area. I don't really think putting a TV in the new part is necessary, for viewing cable that is. The best thing is how Salmo has four great options for its patrons. First is the small TV room, the second

Dear Joe Doe,
The new addition to Salmo is nice and all, but why aren't there any TVs? What do they expect us to do, talk to each other?
Thanks,
Cory Beaudoin

option being the booth section, third is the main sitting area and most recently the new section.

The larger question is why there is no easily visible clock? Granted most students have a way to check the time. But the addition of a convenient wall mounted clock would be a good addition to the new space.

Another problem is there is no good place to hang a massive flat screen (like the two hanging in the main sitting area) in the new Salmo. There are 3 walls full of windows, and the only other spot is the little overhang where the new and old sections connected.

If President Machtley wants the space to be a more quiet, area, maybe there could be a couple smaller (not like the puny ones in the hallways) flat screens hanging across the over hang. These could have multiple functions. I think a good option would be to have the flat screens display a clock, stock ticker and axis slides, all of which do not require any use of sound and all are productive uses. At the same time, I think they should definitely be cable ready, just for the important televised events.

So basically, I don't envision being able to watch a TV show in the new salmo any time toon. I guess we are all going to have to cope with being late for classes and meetings and having to deal with the pain of talking to one another. Just be careful you don't do it with your mouth full!

-Email all questions to: askjoedoe@gmail.com
-I accept any and all questions both about and not about the campus.
-Inappropriate questions might not make the paper but will be enjoyed!
-Questions do not have to be signed, however I stongly welcome people to take pride in the question.
Thanks for your questions --Joe Doe

Bryant Players take the stage

By James King
Staff Writer

To my knowledge the Bryant Players usually put on one show at a time. It naturally came as a surprise to me when I discovered that they were instead putting on "A Night of Short Shows" by Christopher Durang. There were five shows in total and none of them child appropriate. Strong language and violence was present. As someone who has been both behind and on the stage, I do not regret taking a step off of it to watch others perform. It is a good change of pace for me and a good change of pace for the audience. The Players provided comedy, Tennessee Williams references, and lessons about tolerance and alcoholism to the audience. These shows possess differing themes and storylines and the actors never play a role exactly the same way.

What do an 18 year old self-proclaimed ladies' man, a woman without a love life, a feminist, a woman with image problems, and a five-year-old boy all have in common? They called 1-900-Desperate, that is what. The first of the five short shows is called "1-900-Desperate" and is about a woman named Gretchen (Dawn Correia) who after being taunted by her mother about a lack of a love life, calls up 1-900-Desperate to meet men, but instead finds two women: one a feminist (Kerri Moriarty) and the other an image-challenged older woman (Amber De Angelis), a man named Scuzzy (Albert Hernandez), and a five year old boy (Daniel Beaudoin). Gretchen ends up finding the boy's naivet  much more appealing than the adults that were on the line. Story-wise I'd call it more cute than funny. It produced a few laughs, but that is about it. I did however like the blocking of the characters and the technique used to show they were talking on the line. The light would shine on whoever was speaking and those who weren't speaking would freeze in their place. Simple yet effective, like the days of

Shakespeare.

The next play was "Desire, Desire, Desire" and it left me with much to desire. I desired more because without knowledge of the works of Tennessee Williams one cannot relate. This show is an amalgam of Tennessee Williams' plots and themes with a southern belle turned nervous wreck, Blanche Dubois (Mandy Dev), Cora (Kerri Moriarty) some hippy girl who is not from one of Williams' works at all, but Eugene O'Neill's "The Iceman Cometh," a drunk named Stanley Kowlawskli (Ben Baker) who cannot help but scream "Stella" for his lover, Stella (Lindsay Rice), who has gone missing for six years in search of a lemon coke. All save for Cora, these characters are from "A Streetcar Named Desire." From "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof," Big Daddy, played by Andrew Auger and not one, but two Maggies (Amber De Angelis and Dawn Correia) and make for quite an interesting experience. Not only does "Desire, Desire, Desire" take you through several Tennessee Williams works, but it changes some characters into others; for example, Stanley into Brick who runs off with Skipper (formerly the census taker played by Del Gagnon). Later, Stanley reappears after Stella comes back and leaves again. He was in a bunny suit. I still don't know what to think of this show. I laughed at Mandie Dev's delightful portrayal of Blanche, and Ben Baker in a bunny suit, but due to lack of knowledge Tennessee William's plays beyond looking up where the characters come from, the majority of the humor is lost on me. I can't fairly judge this one as I'm obviously not the target audience. I will say however that it looks to be an odd choice because unless one is sixty, I do not think one will know Tennessee William's stories. I desire for anyone watching this short to get knowledge of Tennessee Williams.

The third play of the night was "Not My

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Green Expo in Boston

By Kim Cole
Staff Writer

This past Saturday, I had the opportunity to see the Going Green Expo at the Bayside Expo Center in Boston with the president of the Environmental Conservation Organization (ECO), Sarah Giffard, and some friends. When we first walked in the door, we were handed a free cup of Ben & Jerry's ice cream to enjoy while walking around the expo. It was set up like a fair with many booths displaying different items and information.

It was incredible to see all of the consumer products that have started to become Earth-friendly. Yummy Earth (www.yummyearth.com) handed out free samples of USDA organic fruit lollipops. Glee Gum allowed expo-goers to sample gum made from real tree gum. Little did I know, traditional gums sold in the store today are no longer made with rainforest tree gum but instead are made from a petroleum by-product. Different booths handed out free reusable shopping bags and other items to promote becoming eco-friendly in day-to-day life. On an interesting note for college students (those who are of age, of course)... there was a sampling of Peak Organic beer and also of 360 Vodka. Each of these alcoholic beverage companies are committed to operating with a green focus.

Probably the most unique invention I noticed at the expo was the paper products sold by Mr. Ellie Pooh (www.mrelliepooh.com). This company creates scrapbooks, journals, stationary, office gifts, and exotic paper that are all created from elephant dung collected in Sri Lanka. The dung produced by the elephants is vastly undigested and is mostly matted grasses. The paper is pulped almost entirely by the work of the elephants. The paper was available at the expo in many colors and sizes for prices just above the cost of typical paper. Although the paper is made from excrement, it has the texture of traditional handmade paper and has no odor or discoloration.

In addition to promoting environmentally friendly products, different presenters at the expo handed out informational pamphlets and held workshops. The Blue Ocean Institute (www.blueocean.org) handed out a pocket guide to eating ocean friendly seafood. This guide flags which fish are noted for containing mercury and/or PCDs that can potentially have harmful health risks to the consumer. Additionally, the pamphlet also displays which fish are being overfished or have fallen victim to poor ocean management.

The Green Restaurant Association (www.dinegreen.com) also educated participants about restaurants in the New England area that are participating in attempting to move the restaurant industry to ecologically sustainable practices. The Food Project from Lincoln, MA, promoted the importance of local food growth and discussed programs where youth have the opportunity to get involved in farming in their area.

Of less interest to me at the current time but very pertinent for businesses and homeowners, there was extensive information available about green construction. There were systems that used ground water for heating and cooling the home instead of using electricity or oil to heat and air condition the area. Additionally, there were multiple sources of information about how to install solar panel roof shingles and the like to optimize the use of solar energy. There were two cars that are operating with a mix of vegetable oil and traditional gasoline for participant perusal.

There will be expos hosted in Burlington, VT, and Manchester, NH, (as well as other various locations) later on in the spring. For more information about becoming a green consumer (and information on exact dates of other expos), there is a wealth of information at www.goinggreen-expos.com.

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A Night of Short Shows

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Fault." It's a drastic departure from the prior two shows, in the sense that rather than seeking to entertain, this show is meant to teach a lesson about alcoholism and the complications it causes. Jack (Will Stanley) is an obvious alcoholic and constantly tells others and the audience that his downfalls and shortcomings are not his fault. For example, the reason why he lost his job, according to him, is because he quit, when in reality he actually stole VCRs from his job. He seeks help from his mother (Lindsay Rice) who like Jack is also an alcoholic, but she doesn't see herself as such because she drinks out of a wine glass. She, like her son, doesn't have much of a life so to speak and views Jack as the successful one despite the fact that Harry (Ryan Smith), her other son, is doing well for himself. She calls Harry, but he refuses to help. The ex-wife Margie (Kerri Moriarti) had thrown Jack out, but she genuinely feels sympathy for him despite him not being there for his child. This play comes to show that alcoholism is not an issue just for the person with the disease, but affects the entire family and their relations with one another.

The fourth play was "The Hardy Boys and the Mystery of Where Babies Come From" and it was undoubtedly the highlight of my night. Anyone who has read the Hardy Boys mysteries should know that the Hardy Boys are intelligent and they solve mysteries. Their father usually helps them out too. In this show however, the way the Hardy boys act is inconsistent with the books. Instead of intelligent young detectives we have two constantly sweater changing, excited by the word "sleuthing" nincompoops. Frank and Joe Hardy were played by Miles Ferguson and Ben Baker respectively, and they put up a tremendous performance. For example it takes a lot of courage to bear one's boxers on stage during a play especially when "fall-out" could take place. Joe and Frank are bumbling fools searching for what it means to have a "bun in the oven" and their dad (Andy Sanchez), goes as far as to call them "retards" before he is "chloroformed" (bad joke) by the sex maniac, Nurse Ratchet (Mandie Dev). Nurse Ratchet

decides she wants to teach the boys not about the "buns in the oven", but the "hot dogs". The use of a movie screen and short interlude messages with ominous music I found to be more than adequate for the scene changes, rather than a curtain. It did something that no curtain could accomplish, and that is help to set the mood. "The Hardy Boys and the Mystery of Where Babies Come From" is the show to watch if you're looking for a laugh.

Don't play witness to the "The Book of Leviticus Show" if you're looking for a laugh. Although there is much irony in it and the set-up is absurd this play sets about teaching a lesson in tolerance. Dawn Correia in yet another performance is Lettie Lu, a southerner turned public access televangelist. She's joined by her husband (Ryan Smith) and her "Momma" (Amber De Angelis). According to Lettie Lu they are doing God's work and to show her devotion she brings in an adulteress (Mandie Dev) and a homosexual (Miles Ferguson). Her later actions spoil her own purported knowledge of the bible as she violates a clause found in every religion that I've ever heard of; She violates the "thou shall not kill" clause when she shoots the homosexual and the adulteress. I think that a woman in a hotel room publicly broadcasting two people's deaths due to ignorance or stupidity about her own faith is indeed absurd, just as bringing harm, nay killing someone for their sexuality or infidelity is ludicrous. Christopher Durang gets his message about tolerance out loud and clear. I hope someone in the audience learned something from this show.

In closing it was a great pleasure to witness the Players demonstrate such flexibility and portray multiple roles in one night. The Bryant Players, I feel provided something for everyone with "A Night of Short Shows". Mandie, Ben, and Miles especially shined the night I went. Their chemistry was great for "The Hardy Boys and the Mystery of Where Babies Come From". I recommend that everyone try to catch these shows next time they hear of them. "A Night of Short Shows" must have sounded scary to some because it was different. Don't be a Lettie Lu and get all your facts straight first. Different is a good thing.



Two Buds and a Microbrew: Magic Hat #9

By Joe Domaney and Ryan P. Daley
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Hi, we're Joe and Ryan. Welcome back for another beer belly filled semester! As much as the Budweiser Super Bowl commercials are favorites or ours, we still don't suggest drinking their beers unless there is a wicked good reason. When it comes down to it we really enjoy good, high-quality beers, and we're sure many of you do too. Unfortunately, we often see most other college students drinking garbage beers because they're dirt cheap at the liquor store. That's why we decided to write this column - to provide you with an opportunity to educate yourself about the endless amount of microbrews out there. Just do us a favor, if you choose to drink, only do so if you're 21 or older, and definitely do it responsibly.

A long winter is ahead, and with the snow falling, the cold wind blowing, and icicles forming, you may want to stock up on some of these local seasonal brews just in case you're snowed in sometime or have a lucky someone who forgot his or her jacket and unfortunately needs a place to crash...

Magic Hat, Burlington, VT's microbrewery known for its unconventional offerings (both in variety and presentation) tickled our fancy with the locally popular #9—described as a "not quite pale ale" as it is missing a little on the hops side. The beer gives a nice sweet fruit flavor showing an essence of apricot. Essentially, it's creamy, with a peculiar flavor that leaves a taste on the tongue reminiscent of a trip to the dentist (keep reading, we'll explain...). The beer has very little head, and what it does offer fades very fast.

Magic Hat Brewing began production in 1994 in its home city of Burlington, but moved to South Burlington in 1997, where it still resides, pumping out fresh barrels of all different kinds of beers—from the typical and most popular #9 to a Un Natural Thirst (a single run ale, inspired by the Tale of the Middle Man once shown at the Exquisite Corpse Art Gallery in Burlington, VT.). They constantly produce

three year-round beers and 4 seasonals, with additional special one-time batches.

Though our beer was poured from the brass, rustic, web-like #9 tap, we're not shy about our previous consumption of the microbrewery's other offerings, and we'd like to make a special note for those of you who need a surprise every time you crack open a cold on: Magic Hat is including short phrases on the underside of each bottle cap, some facetious, some serious, and even some that just don't make sense (those are closer to the bottom of the cooler).

Each of their packages are made with interesting graphics and cool artwork, with the most noteworthy being the Fat Angel. Everything Magic Hat offers has a small town, microbrew feel with the comfort of being able to get it almost everywhere you go.

Getting back to the dentist comment, the beer gives off an underlying fluoride, coppery taste that settles in your mouth. It's not a bad thing, although if you really hate the dentist or having to swish that fluoride as a child, you might experience some bad déjà-vu. After talking about it, we figured this came from that hoppy bitterness followed by the apricot taste at the end. These two factors along with the very slight carbonation gives the beer that distinct dentist feel.

Magic Hat #9 is one of those beers you don't mind having if everything else offered is garbage, but this is definitely not one of those beers you would see someone jumping up and down doing the Hercules dance for.

Cost: \$7.99
Alcohol: 4.6%
Beerometer: 68%

'24' still an action-filled thriller

By Evan Collyer
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"The following takes place between 9:00PM and 10:00PM. And today is the longest day of my life." Jack Bauer's (Kiefer Sutherland) voice rings out loud through my television, as my friends and I hurry to shut off all the lights and enter the only quiet hour that my room has ever experienced. Now Monday nights roll around and it is becoming all too common to see the seats empty, and Jack Bauer is nowhere to be found. Terrorists are plotting, bombs are exploding, and there is no Jack Bauer to save the United States of America.

Season Six of the show ended on May 21, 2007 to little over 11 million viewers, down approximately 5 million viewers from its four hour season premiere in January of 2007. In a recent Wall Street Journal article, entitled "Reinventing '24'" the author Rebecca Dana spoke to one of the shows writers about the writer strike and the public mood towards Jack Bauer's torture methods. '24' has been under a great deal of scrutiny in regards to how Jack Bauer consistently uses forms of torture to interrogate terrorists. Some of the candidates have actually used Jack Bauer as an example in the debates, and Bill Clinton even said in an interview in October 2007 that he hopes that if there ever is a "Jack Bauer moment," you know the type where there is a bomb about to go off in 30 seconds or someone is going to attempt to assassinate the President and Jack has to torture someone to find out where it is happening and who is in charge, while still not condoning the use of torture he hopes someone does what is necessary to put a stop to the crisis at hand.

Season One had premiered on FOX a mere 25 days after the tragedies of September 11, 2001. Since then the article depicts that 24's success has

been riding the coattails of the Bush administration and the War on Terror. The article depicts a timeline of President George W. Bush's approval ratings and the number of viewers per episode of '24' since the show premiered. With Jack's methods of getting the information he needs being controversial, the writers of '24' are trying to reinvent 24 for Season 7.

What is he doing and where is Jack Bauer? (Note if you continue reading from this point there maybe some SPOILERS!) One thought the writers had was to send Jack Bauer to Africa. In the article "Rein-



venting '24'" Mr. Gordon one of the writers said that "One of the themes we discussed was penance, that Africa was a place Jack had gone to seek some kind of penance. Some sanctuary too, but also penance for things he's done in his life. "Does this not pose an issue to any true 24 fan? How is Jack going to fight terrorist in America when he is 14 hours away? Well according to the article, the writers and producers had thought of skipping that 14

hour period and getting away from the real time concept of the show. Personally, I think Jack Bauer told them that "There is NO time!" for such antics. You can find that idea in the garbage can or as Michael Scott likes to call it a "special filing cabinet for corporate."

Jack Bauer the bad guy? NO, WRONG, BAD IDEA. The idea they had was to have Jack be running around trying to stop terror, while a new young female agent hunted down Jack Bauer for using improper torture techniques or for using them at all. The President of Fox said no one would believe that Jack Bauer would become bad. Scratch that premise. Make way for Jack Bauer being the hero that he is and doing what he believes in. The last idea they had was to put Jack on trial for using torture methods and him not apologizing for his methods. This new female agent is still part of the concept and has to answer these questions about torture and whether or not they are acceptable. The Counter Terrorist Unit is dismantled and an old friend, long believed dead returns to cause a domestic crisis. The clock never went silent on Tony.

When are we going to see Jack Bauer back in action? Since the writers strike struck in November 2007, the show already being behind schedule, and Keifer Sutherland in jail for his DUI, it is likely that we may not get to see America's terrorist fighting superhero Jack Bauer return until January of 2009. What a long

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wait until we hear Jack's voice come booming from our televisions and him once again having a bad day. Though it does allow for everyone to review Seasons One thru Six again, catch up on some reading of the "24 Declassified" novels or even Richard Miniter's new book entitled "Jack Bauer for President: Terrorism and Politics in 24." Jack will return when America needs him most...In Jack Bauer we trust.